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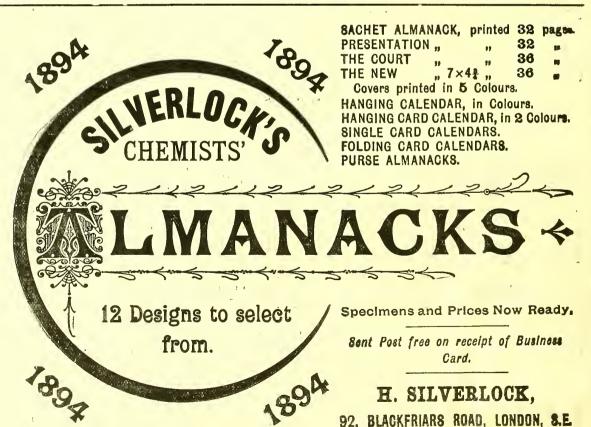
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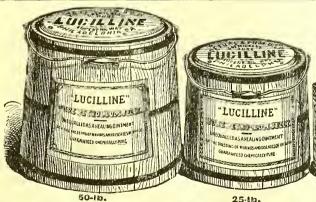
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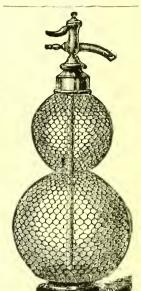
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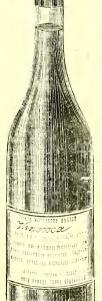
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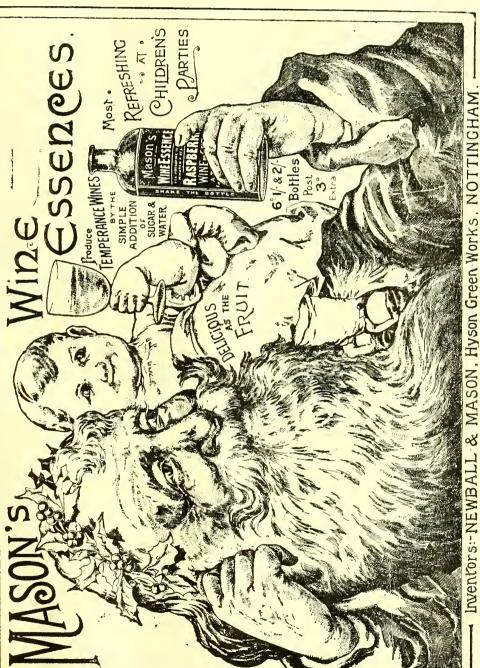
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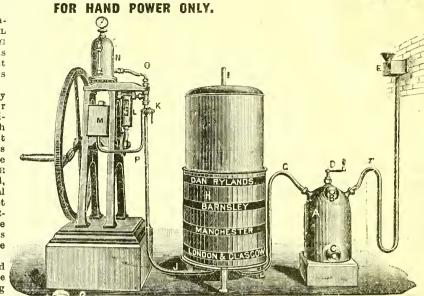
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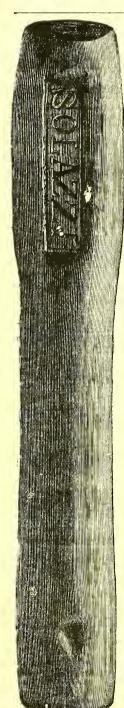
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An Extract from the Special Report of "THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST," July 29, 1893.

Perfumes form one of the most attractive features in the ground-floor section. A prominent and most artistic exhibit is that of THEO. RICKSECKER, of Maiden Lane, New York, which occupies a corner of the aisle as we approach from the north entrance. Here there is a series of eight cases decorated in green enamel and gold, forming a kind of wedge.

The apical case contains a figure of the woman most revered by all Americans—Martha Washington, the mother of the Republic. This figure is modelled in wax, and is, we believe, a true likeness. Martha

Washington was a charming and lovely woman, and Mr. Ricksecker has not failed to do her beauty justice, for the dressing of the figure is as tasteful and elegant a costume as would serve for a royal wedding. This unique feature naturally attracts attention to the exhibit, and once the visitor begins to inspect it he finds many things to interest him.

There is a charm about the Ricksecker perfumes which is unusual: they are

elegantly put up, both the shapes of bottles and the style of labels being quite sui generis. This is particularly noticeable in such perfumes as lavender-Cologne, sweet clover, and many others which might be named. The perfumes are displayed in magnificent vases and flasks as well as in the usual bottles for retailing, and they are set off by a selection of solid perfumes (sachets, &c.), which are also of elegant get-up.

In connection with these perfumes we may mention that the syndicate having the exclusive sale of per-

fumery at the Fair selected them as the only kind to be sold there, and the company which purchased the concession for selling perfumery through machines use them only in the 200 machines on the World's Fair grounds.

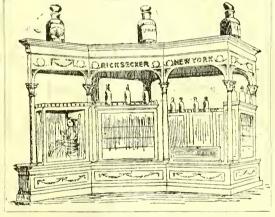
Besides perfumes the exhibit contains a good selection of toilet-preparations, such as tooth-powders, face-powders, reviving-salts, and soaps. There is a 165-lb. block of Ricksecker skin-soap on show which looks just like marble, and which, we noticed, was always dry whatever the state of the weather might

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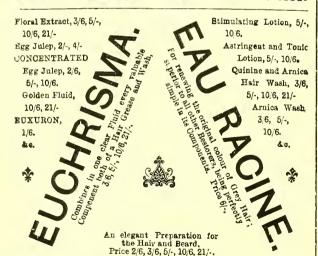
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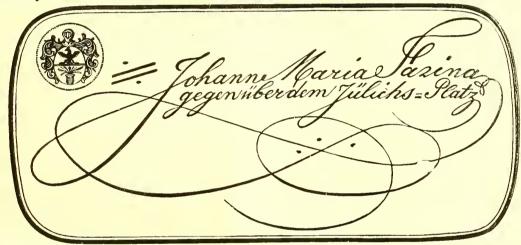
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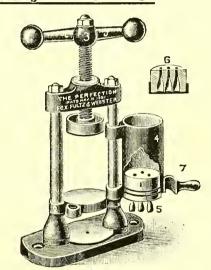
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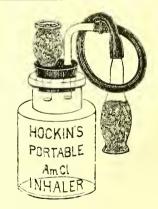
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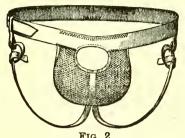
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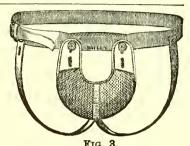


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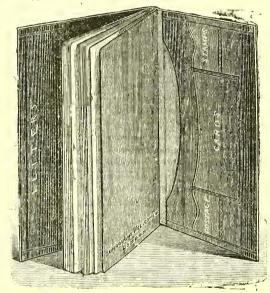
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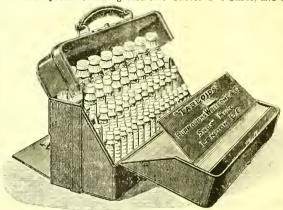
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OUR DIARY COMPETITION.

WE remind our home subscribers that the pink coupon sent out with the DIARY should be filled in and returned to us during the incoming week. If we may judge from those already received, the competition promises to be an interesting one, apart from the most difficult question (which will fall upon us)-namely, the distribution of the ten guineas which we are to divide amongst the competitors. The coupons are to be filled up by subscribers or their assistants, apprentices, or members of their families.

OUR WINTER ISSUE.

THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST of January 27, 1894, will be the Winter Issue, and we can insert circulars or price-lists in it. Such insets will be stitched in, and will go to 11,000 members of the trade who are buyers. Since the year 1859 we have been building up our registers, and we believe that there does not elsewhere exist such complete registers of firms and men in business in connection with the drug and chemical trades and pharmacy, with whom THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST is known and respected as a reliable trade journal, and circulars and advertisements inserted in it carry with them proportionate kudos. Our charge for the insertion of circulars is only a fraction of the eost of addressing and sending by post, while we give the additional advantages of a superior list of buyers, and the assurance of preservation in a most handsomely produced journal which no one thinks of throwing into the waste-paper basket. Please apply to the Publisher for particulars.

Summary.

A CHAT with a Grasse essential-oil distiller is one of the features in our Town Traveller's page this week.

BRIGHTON and Sunderland chemists have had a good time-the former smoking, the latter dining and toasting.

DR. TILLIE, an assistant to Professor T. R. Fraser, has given an Edinburgh audience his views on patent medicines.

THE President of the Paris Academy of Sciences has protested against the growing use of long words in botany and chemistry.

WE conclude the correspondence on "Company Pharmacy" this week. There is a large number of letters on the subject, and we sum up editorially.

MESSRS. HELBING AND PASSMORE, in a note printed in this issue, dispute Mr. Dott's views as to the enealyptol standard to be fixed for ol. eucalypti, B.P.

In the Corner for Students Mr. R. J. Moss makes some instructive remarks regarding the use of hydrochloric acid along with sulphuretted hydrogen.

THE late Sir Andrew Clark, M.D., has left nearly a quarter of a million personalty. We give some particulars of his will; also of the late Mr. John May's and Mr. Kilner's.

IN our French news are further particulars of the proposed municipal pharmaey at Roubaix, which the advanced party show no disposition to abandon.

THE Chemists' Assistants' Association discussed "Pharmaeeutical Education" at last week's meeting, Mr. Jowett, B Sc., leading off with advanced views on the subject.

The question whether baking-powder is a food and therefore subject to the Sale of Food and Drugs Act has been argued before the High Court. Judgment is reserved.

THE Court of Appeal has dissolved the interim injunction granted by Mr. Justice Bruce to prevent the Birmingham Vinegar Brewery Company from publishing a libellous statement regarding Messrs. Champion & Co.

A GROCER having been summoned at South Shields for selling malt-vinegar which Mr. Stocks, the analyst, reported to be adulterated, the Magistrates have dismissed the case on the ground that the Somerset House chemists and Mr F. Sutton considered the sample to be pure.

THERE has been an inquest at Derby regarding the death of a child from convulsions. The doctor said they were brought on by opium; but as the chemist who supplied the mixture given showed that the dose contained only a tenth of a drop of paregoric, the jury did not agree with the doetor.

MR. JUSTICE ROMER has given his decision in the Lanoline case. He finds that the patent is good, and that "Araspaline" infringes it. The subject-matter of the patent specification and the scientific evidence given before him are discussed learnedly by the Judge, whose speech we report verbatim. Damages and expenses are awarded to Messrs. Benno Jaffé & Darmstaedter.

MICROBES IN THE ART OF WAR.—A French naval surgeon, Dr. Le Dantec, has examined the arrow-poison used by the natives of New Hebrides, who employ for this purpose earth from marshy places; it contains both the septic vibrio and the tetanus bacillus. From experiments on animals, it was found that when the poison was old they died from tetanus; when fresh, from septicemia. In the case of man, tetanus has always been observed.

THE presentation to Mr. George Chaloner, F.C.S., on his retirement from the position of lecturer on chemistry at the Birkbeck Institute, after twenty-five years' service, consisted of an illuminated address, and a purse containing 921. 1s. In acknowledging the gift Mr. Chaloner said his students had numbered over 2,500, and some of them had made positions of importance for themselves. The late Mr. Gilchrist Thomas was one of his early students.



CONDUCTED BY RICHARD J. MOSS, F.C.S., F.I.C.

REPORTS.

The powder sent to correspondents last month consisted of 1 part of mercuric chloride, 2 parts of copper sulphate, and 2 parts of zinc sulphate. Its calculated composition was as follows:—

Hg					• •		14.76
Cu							10 17
Zn					• •		9.03
SO,							28.77
Cl			• •	••			5.24
$\mathrm{H}^{3}\mathrm{O}$	• •	••	••	••	• •	••	32 00
							100.00

There was a trace of iron present.

The number of packets of the mixture of salts issued to correspondents was 90, and the number of reports received 56. The failures in the detection of the constituents of the mixture were—mercury 8, copper 2, zinc 28, sulphuric radicle 0, ehlorine 4. In many cases there were other substances reported present; several students stated they detected nickel, a few recorded either tin, antimony, or arsenic as constituents of the powder.

Most of the errors in this analysis arose from two causes the difficulty of completely precipitating the copper and mercury, and the difficulty of avoiding the precipitation of zinc along with the copper and mercury. When a precipitate is obtained with sulphuretted hydrogen in the ordinary course of an analysis, it is necessary to ensure, before filtering off the precipitate, that precipitation is complete. The beginner will find that the best plan is to filter part of the liquid, and, if there is much free acid present, to dilute the filtrate, and again submit it to the action of sulphuretted hydrogen. If no further precipitate is produced, precipitation may be regarded as complete. This is a better plan than trusting to the smell of the liquid. In this particular analysis it took a long time to precipitate the mercury and copper in the presence of a moderate excess of hydrochloric acid. The question may be asked, Why not use less hydrochloric acid? This brings us to the other difficulty in the analysis—the one which gave rise to most of the errors. If an insufficient quantity of hydrochloric acid were used, the zinc was precipitated along with the copper and mereury. It was possible to precipitate the zinc in this way so completely that no trace of it appeared in its proper place amongst the metals separated as sulphides and hydrates from an alkaline solution. Those who failed to detect zinc in the powder will find it an instructive experiment to pass sulphuretted hydrogen through a solution of zinc sulphate, and to observe the copious white precipitate that is thrown down; then try the same experiment with solutions containing different quantities of hydroehloric acid. It will be found that slight acidulation is not sufficient to prevent the precipitation of some of the zinc. In the presence of certain acetates the difficulty may be much greater, and special precautions must be taken to detect zinc and to prevent it from interfering with the detection of other metals. The chief lesson to be drawn from this analysis is that hydrochlorie acid is not to be regarded merely as a reagent for the detection of lead, silver,

or mercurous compounds, but as a medium for ensuring the desired precipitation of certain sulphides only by the action of sulphuretted hydrogen.

A. E. TILSON.--We congratulate you on being the first lady prize-winner in the "Corner for Students" competition.

Cogito.—Great caution should be observed in using a cyanide as a reagent; on no account should a solution to which a cyanide has been added be left unlabelled or treated so as to expose one to the risk of inhaling the vapour of hydrocyanic acid.

H. D. HARRIS.—Your work was very good so far as it went, but you did not give sufficient proof of the absence of other acid radicles.

IODOFORM.—Before entering upon a general search for many acid radicles, you should have considered which of them could be present, having regard to the fact that mereury, copper, and zinc had been detected, and that the powder was soluble in water.

Sulphovin.—The trace of iron should not have escaped detection.

ALLOXAN,—Your work was not sufficiently exhaustive. Bear in mind that you are required to give proof that the substances detected are the only constituents of the mixture.

TRIONAL.—You are not required to do the work without the aid of books; on the contrary, we prefer that you should avail yourself of the use of the best books within your reach. You will find it very difficult to effect a perfect separation of copper, manganese, and zine by the method you mention. Iron and manganese interfere with the solubility of zine hydrate in the caustic alkalies. Zine hydrate is less soluble in boiling solutions of the caustic alkalies than in old solutions.

DANWER.—There was not a trace of nitrate present. It would have been more satisfactory if you had separated the heavy metals before applying the ferrous-sulphate test.

A. Jones.—In testing for acetic acid you should not conclude that acetic ether is produced without comparing the odour of the vapour in question with that obtained from a known acetate, unless you are so familiar with the odour that a mistake would be impossible.

R. B. Carnegie. -See remarks to A. Jones.

DULCAMARA.—If there was any excess of ammonia in the solution to which you added ferric chloride, ferric hydrate would have separated, and, though different in appearance, you might have mistaken the change in colour for the effect produced by acetates.

H. A. L.—You should familiarise yourself with the effects of heat uponsalts so as to distinguish charring; note particularly the behaviour of inorganic salts of copper and cobalt.

Caryoph.—The solution through which you passed snlphuretted hydrogen was not sufficiently acidulated to ensure that the zine should remain in solution.

W. G. S.—Copper sulphide is slightly soluble in ammonium sulphide: the precipitate you thought due to tin and arsenie was due to copper. The sulphur precipitated at the same time makes the copper sulphide thrown down from its solution in ammonium sulphide look yellowish brown in colour instead of black.

ÆSCULAP.—See remarks to "W. G. S." You do not appear to have expelled the sulphuretted hydrogen before using ammonia as a group-reagent

M. D. R. D.—If you obtained a yellow crystalline precipitate with platinic chloride it was because you had not completely expelled ammonium compounds,q

Franco.—You did not completely precipitate the copper and mercury with sulphuretted hydrogen, hence the black precipitate, insoluble indilute hydrochloric acid, subsequently obtained with ammonium sulphide.

ZYMNE.—The whitish precipitate you obtained with aumonium sulphide was zine sulphide. You must have made some mistake in the application of the potassium-ferrocyanide test.

WILL.—See remarks to "W. G. S."

CONRAD.—The reaction you describe with sodium phosphate was imposible, unless you accidentally added some magnesium salt.

VICTORY,—Your report was so badly arranged that it was almost impossible to tell what precipitate, or what filtrate, you referred to.

W. BLAKELEY.—The colour of the filtrate showed that you had not completely precipitated the copper. It was this copper that you subsequently mistook for nickel.

M. A. G.—See remarks to "W. G. S."

Novissimo.—A sulphite would have evolved sulphur dioxide on the addition of hydrochloric acid without the aid of heat. The fumes you observed were fumes of hydrochloric acid.

A, Thorpe.—The behaviour of the powder on heating alone and with sulphuric acid proved the absence of a tartrate instead of suggesting its presence.

P. MILLIDGE.—In testing for a chloride you should have remembered that sulphates were present. The silver precipitate was only partially soluble in nitrie acid.

Dewsburian.—If the mixture had been composed of the substances you reported as present, it would not have dissolved in water. The precipitate you obtained with calcium chloride was calcium sulphate, not citrate.

When you heated the powder you did not observe the burnt-sugar odour characteristic of tartrates and citrates. You will find practice will make a

great difference in your work.

Analgen.—When the powder was heated in a tube, there was a very well marked sublimate produced, which you failed to observe: this sublimate was easily shown to consist of mercuric chloride. There is generally a great deal to be learned from a close observation of the effects of heat upon the substances under examination.

CAMPANULATE. - See remarks to "Analgen."

HOPEFUL SECUNDUS.—You are not expected to give quantitative results. The calculated composition stated above is intended for the information of our contributors who like to know what quantities they had to deal with, If the powder had consisted of the salts you reported present, it would not have produced the sublimate you observed.

Nemo.—Your report would be greatly improved if you assigned separate columns to your group-precipitates, subdividing these columns when necessary; this is by far the best way of recording the results of a qualitative

S. R.—There is a want of system in your work; you must study with the aid of a good text-book, using mixtures of your own preparation. You applied a number of tests indiscriminately instead of using the group-reagents in proper order, and examining the group-precipitates. Before applying the platinic-chloride test for potassium, salts of ammonium must be completely expelled by ignition.

D. W. C.—You proved to your own satisfaction, by six different reactions, that a borate was present, although there was no such salt in the mixture. In describing an experiment you should endeavour to state exactly what you did, not what you think you ought to have done; and in recording your observations state exactly what you observed, not what you

think you ought to have observed.

P. S. A.—The colour of the powder must surely have suggested the presence of copper.

C. O .- Notwith-tanding the accident which prevented you from proceeding beyond the preliminary examination, your results were not far astray.

English Rews.

The Editor is obliged to correspondents who send local newspapers containing ttems of interest to the trade. He will be further obliged if such para graphs be marked in all cases.

Carbolic-acid Poisonings.

Henry Frederick Howard, aged 48 years, clerk to Mr. J. Eastwick, lodged at 14 Bothwell Terraee, Lambeth Walk. He had of late been in great monetary difficulties. He owed about seven months' rent, and on Tuesday of last week the landlord put a man in possession. He was found sitting in a chair, quite dead. Beside him were three small phials labelled "carbolic acid—poison." Dr. Philip M'Mahon Macdermott said that deceased had swallowed 3 oz. of pure carbolic acid-sufficient to kill a great number of people. The mouth, tongue, and throat were white, shrivelled, and corrugated by the action of the corrosive poison. coroner's officer stated that the deceased went to a chemist to whom he was well known, and asked for three separate 1 oz. bottles of pure carbolic acid, saying it was for use at his office. To show the desperate nature of the act the witness mentioned that the deceased must have drunk the contents of each bottle separately, actually recorking two of the oottles. The jury returned a verdict of temporary insanity.

A lady, fully dressed, was taken to the Royal Free Hospital a little before midnight on Wednesday of last week, writhing in pain. It was stated that she had poisoned herself by drinking carbolic acid at her residence close by, 31 Calthorpe Street. It was found that from 1 to 2 oz. of earbolic acid must have been swallowed, and in spite of all efforts she succumbed after some hours of agony. It has since transpired that deceased was Louis Maria Fraser (30). a governess, and wite of a man now in Chicago. At the inquest on Saturday the jury came to the conclusion that she drank the carbolic acid with suicidal intent.

A Portsmouth coroner's jury concluded an inquest on Monday regarding the death of Alice Maria Salter (20), a servant girl. The jury agreed that she had committed suicide by taking carbolic acid on December 9.

Sunderland Chemists at Dinner.

The annual dinner of the members of the Sunderland Chemists' Association was held in the Grand Hotel on December 13. Ald. Thompson, J.P., occupied the chair, Messrs. R. Robinson and J. Mitchinson the vice-chairs, and the Mayor and nearly forty other gentlemen were also present. The Mayor and other visitors made speeches. In proposing the toast of "The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain" Alderman Thompson aired a chemist's grievance, which he said he had harped upon for many years, namely, the dispensing of prescriptions by medical men. He strongly maintained that doctors should only prescribe for their patients, and that chemists should make up the prescriptions. Councillor Harrison responded.

Laudanum for a Baby.

On December 14, at Pill, Somerset, Dr. Craddock, coroner, held an inquest on the body of Mary Ann Endicott, aged 4 years, the daughter of Emma Endicott, laundress. Emily Butcher, who said she had had charge of the child since it was only 10 days old, gave evidence of the child's illness and death. In the course of her evidence she said she had given the child a little laudanum every day from the com-menement. At first she had only one drop, but the dose had been gradually increased to ten drops. She could not keep the child quiet without the use of laudanum.

The Coroner: By whose advice did you give her the

landanum.

Witness: People told me.

Tell me the name of one person?—I did it myself. Per-

haps I ought not to have done it.

Continuing, she said she told the doctor she had administered laudanum. She had been paid 4s., and latterly 3s. a week for the maintenance of the child.

Mr. Alexander Ross, surgeon, Portbury, who was called in before the child died, said he could not say that the child died from opium poisoning.

The Coroner, summing up, said that one drop of laudanum was enough to kill an infant; ten drops was a most extraordinary quantity for a child of four years.

The jury found that the child died from epileptic convulsions, probably caused by indigestible food, and they

desired the Coroner to censure Mrs. Butcher.

Mrs. Butcher having been recalled, the Coroner warned her that she had had the narrowest possible escape from having a verdict of manslaughter returned against her. He hoped it would be a lesson to her for life.

The woman, who seemed to be impressed with the gravity of the case, promised that she would never touch laudanum

Brighton Chemists are Gay.

On Wednesday, December 13, a smoking concert was given by the Senior and Junior Association of Chemists, at the Clarence Rooms, Hôtel Métropole. There were over a hundred present, Mr. W. H. Gibson, F.C.S. (President of the Senior Association), occupying the chair. The programme comprised songs and recitations by Messrs. A. E. Colman, A. Collins, Jarvis, Lloyd, Keatts, J. R. MacDermott, H. G. Price, F. Padwick, E. Payne, Sharp, Hedgcock, and Lauder, and instrumental performances by Messrs. G. Bastion and Wood, members of the Métropole orchestra, who were present by permission of the leader, Mr. Fleet, who also assisted himself. A cornet solo was given by Signor D. Camera, conductor of the Brighton Corporation Band, and selections by a trio of mandolins and guitars were performed by Signor Angelici and daughters. Mr. Norman Roe was exceedingly hard-worked as accompanist.

During the evening the Chairman announced the names of the successful competitors in the recent examination in the Junior Association. First prize, value 11., presented by the Senior Association, was awarded to Mr. Inman. Second, value 10s. 6d., presented by the Senior Association, was secured by Mr. Shackleton. Third, value 10s. 6d., presented by Mr. W. H. Gibson, was taken by Mr. Bridgwood. value 10s. 6d., presented by Mr. E. Histed, was allotted to Mr. Clark. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. E. Histed, who had taken the greater share of the trouble in arranging the examination. An announcement was also made to the effect that the annual ball would be pestponed from January 10 to 17, 1894, and that another smoking coneert would he held on January 10, under the same conditions and in the same place as on the present occasion.

The Chairman also made known amid much cheering, that the Brighton candidate, Mary Wavell, had been elected on the Pharmaceutical Benevolent Fund, by 3,000 votes, a fact which he ascribed chiefly to the action of the Brighton chemists.

An illuminated testimonial was brought forward, expressing the thanks of the Association for the past services of Mr. Marshall Leigh, as Secretary of the Association, and their regret at the circumstances which deprived them of his further assistance. Owing to the absence of Mr. Leigh, the presentation was deferred. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. A. E. Colman, for arranging the evening's amusements, and to the Chairman.

Boxes on the Footpath.

Mr. James Bridge Francis, chemist, Wrexham, was summoned to the Borough Magistrates' Court on December 11 by P. C. Tippett for having allowed three large boxes to remain on the footpath opposite his shop in Hope Street. The officer said the boxes occupied the space named from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock, on Saturday, December 2. Mr. Francis said he was away on the date named, and knew nothing of the ease, but the boxes could hardly be called large. A fine of 1s. and costs was imposed.

Selling Methylated Spirit without a Lieence.

On December 16, at Horncastle, Henry Lunn, chemist and grocer, was summoned by the Inland Revenue Department for selling methylated spirit without a licence. Defendant pleaded that it was purely an inadvertence, and that he did not know until recently that he required a licence to sell methylated spirit, and as soon as he knew he took out the necessary licence. A fine of 1½, including costs, was imposed.

Boarding Terms at the Queen's Hotel.

At the Liverpool Police Court on December 14, John D. Elliott, 60, was charged with stealing a packet of sweets, the property of Mr. H. Peet, chemist and druggist. Two detective officers saw the defendant loitering about Ranelagh Street. After going into the refreshment room of the Central Station, he went to Mr. Peet's shop and stole the packet of sweets from the counter. When charged with the theft, he replied, "I do not know what I am doing." On being searched at the station 32l. 8s. was found in his possession. The defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and was ordered to defray the cost of his maintenance whilst in goal.

Drug Contracts.

On Monday at a meeting of the St. Marylebone Board of Guardians tenders were received for the ensuing quarter's supply of drugs to the infirmary at Notting Hill and the North and South dispensaries, and that of Messrs. Hodgkinson, Prestons and King for the supply of the same for the sum of 2091. 7s. 3d. was accepted. Five tenders were also received for the quarter's supply of druggists' sundries, and that of Messrs. S. Maw, Son, and Thompson for the sum of 1031. 0s. 10d. was accepted.

The Cannoek Board of Guardians has accepted the tender of Mr. T. W. Garland, Cannock, for linseed meal at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per lb. and saltpetre at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per lb.

Steedman's Powder Exonerated.

An inquest was held last week by Mr. A. Braxton Hicks at Battersea eoncerning the death of a child named Mary Ann Frean, who died at the residence of her parents at Sheepcote Lane. The mother was the principal witness called, and said that the child was taken unwell a few days previously to its death, and thinking there was nothing serious the matter she gave it a Steedman's powder. It grew worse, however, and died a few days afterwards. Dr. A. Clarke deposed to having been called in, but upon arriving at the house he found that the child was dead. He afterwards made a post-mortem examination, and had no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that death was due to spasm of the glottis, brought about by dentition. In his opinion, the Steedman's powder had in no way contributed to

the death. The jury found that the child died from natural causes.

Was the Chemist or the Doctor to Blame?

At an inquest concluded on a four months' old child at Derhy, on Monday, it was stated by the mother that she bought some stuff from Hart's chemist shop in Sadler Gate to ease the deceased's cough. She gave 4 or 5 drops. Shortly afterwards the child was seized with a fit of convulsions, which terminated fatally. At the first hearing Dr. McKay gave it as his opinion that the mixture contained opium. At the second hearing the mother said she had discussed the case with her hushand. He said she had put bigger "drops" into the spoon than the jury imagined, and he advised her to explain this when she went before them again. Dr. McKay only saw the deceased once, and witness was never informed by him that there was any danger. He only said that it was the child's teeth.

Mr. C. D. Hart, from whom the mixture was purchased, explained the nature of the mixture, which, he said, was more of an anodync than a narcotic. A full teaspoonful would not be injurious to a child of four months, and 4 or 5 drops in a teaspoonful of water would certainly not harm anyone. There was only one drop of paregoric in forty, which was a

very small dose indeed.

Dr. McKay was then recalled. He adhered to his former statement that the opium contained in the mixture brought on the convulsions which caused death. It was a poor, unhealthy child, and that probably had something to do with its condition. He only saw the child onee, and it was then brought to his house by the mother. Witness was upstaired the time, and his wife brought the child to him in his room. He saw at once that it was suffering from a narcotic. He made up a powder, and told the mother to give it to the child at onee. He never told her that the child was suffering from opium poisoning, because he did not think it would do any good. Witness examined the body after death, and its condition was quite natural. He should not have expected to find any traces of narcotic poisoning after death in a child of that sort.

The Coroner: What do you mean by a child of that sort? Witness: Well, the opiate had probably worked off before the convulsions set in which caused death. The pupils were dilated when he saw the deceased alive, which was a sure sign of opium poisoning, but they were perfectly natural after death. He repeated that the cause of death was convulsions, accelerated, although he would not say caused, by narcotic poisoning.

A Juryman: Don't you think as a medical man you ought to have visited the child if you thought it was in such a

dangerous condition?

Witness: I should not have been able to have done the child any good, but I certainly might have gone. He was never asked to see the child.

Another juryman stated that the witness appeared to have treated the child in a very careless and indiscriminate manner.

Another juryman asked why if the doctor thought the child was in a dangerous condition, he did not administer the powder himself there and then, instead of sending the mother home to give the powder and so delay relief.

Witness: The thought never entered my head. He never told his wife to tell the mother that the child was suffering from teething, and that must have been the result of some conversation between the women themselves.

The jury returned a verdiet of death from convulsions.

Morphia the Consoler.

On December 15 Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest at Clerkenwell, respecting the death of Joseph John Hague, aged 51 years, by trade a surgical instrument maker, but lately the keeper of a drug and sundries shop, 75 Pentonville Road. Matilda Hague, the sister, said she thought deceased was worried about business matters, and in addition he got muddled, but for all that she did not think he would take his own life. She described how he was found on the Wednesday morning in bed, alive, but ill. She sent for a doctor, who applied a stomach pump, but death followed in about fifteen minutes. The deceased left the following letter:—"I golike a strong rope which breaks at the worn strand. My customers are dropping away, and I'm 200% in debt. For

twenty-three years I've been persecuted here, although I have seen children murdered by someone who has tried to do me more harm. My furniture, stock, and practice will pay my debts. I am now going to take an overdose of morphia, and if that's not enough, I must resort to cyanide. Farewell to all, I say. Be more merciful one to another."

Dr. Milburn said he found traces of both morphia and

cyanide of potassium, these causing the death.

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Mr. John Gardiner, of the firm of Baker, of Holborn, said the deceased had been with that firm thirty years, and was in charge of the surgical instrument department, having while in the employ of the firm travelled England and Wales, gaining a large connection. He left the firm in 1888.

The jury returned a verdict of "suicide whilst in a state of

insanity."

Treat to Young Druggists.

On Saturday evening last Mr. J. J. Evans, J.P., entertained the junior members of the staff of Messrs. Evans, Sons & Co., Liverpool, at a "social." About 100 youths and young men sat down to an excellent tea, after which Mr. J. Hope Simpson, manager of the Bank of Liverpool, delivered a robust and encouraging address to the young fellows. During the evening Mr. John Hargreaves gave a delightful lantern lecture on the beauties and antiquities of the "Hundred of Wirral."

Science at 1d. a Lecture.

A very successful course of technical lectures at Liverpool on "Chemistry in Relation to Everyday Industries," by Dr. Charles A. Kohn, was brought to a conclusion on Monday evening, when a report and prizes were presented. There were eighty enrolled for the class, and of sixty members who have attended regularly, fifty have been working men in receipt of weekly wages. During the course the following subjects were treated:—Petroleum, alcohol, fats and oils, soap, vinegar, coal-tar, coal-tar colours, indigo, and the natural alkaloids. Professor Campbell Brown set papers on these subjects, and thirty members attended the examination. The second course of the series will be commenced on January 15, 1894, when Dr. T. L. Bailey will treat of the following subjects:—Combustion and flame, fuels, sulphur, oil of vitriol, saltpetre, soda, blacching-powder, lime and cements, phosphorus and matches, and "Water in its Application to Industrial Purposes."

The Leeds Turf Frauds.

Edward Cole, the chemist at Leeds who was convicted with three other men of conspiring to cheat and defraud Knight & Co., turf commission agents, by intercepting telegrams, has been sentenced by Baron Pollock to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour. Two of his associates got the same sentence, and the younger one (Hache), who was clerk to Knight & Co., and who, the Judge considered, had been tempted by the others, was sentenced to six months' with hard labour.

Christmas, Helidays.

The office of The Chemist and Druggist will be closed from Friday night, December 22, till Wednesday morning, December 27. We have received very few notices of extra closing-days, and believe that most of the City houses will close only on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Messrs. S. Maw, Son & Thompson announce that they shall close on these days for holidays and on Friday and Saturday, December 29 and 30, for stocktaking. Spratt's Patent (Limited), Henry Street, Bermondsey, inform us that their works and offices will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next.

Frish Rews.

January Examinations.

The Quarterly Pharmaceutical Assistants' examinations (at Dublin and Belfast) are intended to be held on Wednesday, January 10. The last day for receiving applications for same will be Wednesday, December 27. The Quarterly Registered Druggists' examinations are intended to be held at Dublin on Thursday, January 11; and at Belfast (if 12

apply) on Tuesday, January 16. The last days for receiving applications for same will be:—for Dublin. Thursday, December 28, and for Belfast, Tuesday, January 2.

Complaint against an Apothecary.

At the meeting of the Sligo Board of Guardians last week, complaints of the incivility of the apothecary who had contracted with the Board were made, and the following resolution was passed:—

That the apothecary be informed that the Board are not satisfied with his explanation relative to his refusal to give the necessary medicine on presentation of ticket by the messenger of Patrick Scanlan, on November 11, and that he be called on for a further explanation in writing.

Sale of a Pharmaey.

On Thursday, December 14, Messrs. Battersby & Co., auctioneers, Dublin, disposed of the goodwill, stock, tradedebts, &c., of Price's Medical Establishment, 26 Clare Street, Merrion Square, Dublin, after a spirited competition, for the sum of 1,610*l.*, and 5 per cent. auction-fees, amounting to 80*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Bernard, M.P.S.I., was the purchaser, and will take possession on January 20 next. Mr. Bernard has managed the concern for the past eight years for the executors of the late Dr. Price. The business had to be sold on the youngest of Dr. Price's children coming of age.

Scotch News.

An Unlicensed Still.

Messrs. Zechariah Heys & Sons were prosecuted by the Board of Inland Revenue at Paisley on December 15 for having on their premises at Barrhead kept and used a still without having a licence. It was explained that the apparatus was used to obtain absolute alcohol from methylated spirit for oil-testing, and that similar stills were to be found in the laboratories of analytical chemists, who never thought of taking out licences for them, as they were used for experimental purposes. A fine of 21s, was imposed.

A Shop Fitting Case.

In the Arbroath Sheriff Court on December 13, before Sheriff Robertson, Mcssrs. W. & J. R. Watson, of Leith, sued Wm. Nicoll, chemist, Carnoustie, for 12l., being loss of profit on contract for druggist's fittings. Mr. Watson, jun., stated that his firm had supplied sketches and estimates, which had been accepted by the defender by telegram, but that on the following day the acceptance had been countermanded, and spoke of the loss in time and trouble which had been sustained. The defender said that he did not mean his first telegram to be an acceptance of the offer, but merely an indication to the pursuers that their offer would be accepted. The Sheriff held that the words "start fittings immediately" in the telegram were sufficient to constitute an acceptance, and in the circumstances he decerned against defender for three guineas, with expenses.

Patent and Quack Medicines.

Under the auspices of the Edinburgh Health Society. Dr Joseph Tillie, F.R.S.E., delivered a lecture on Saturday last on "Patent and Quack Medicines." The lecturer said that most advertised medicines could be described as quack preparations because of the exaggerated or untruthful statements made about them. At the present time comparatively few genuine patent medicines are in common use; but there are a great number of secret or proprietary medicines erroneously and sometimes fraudulently called patent medicines. Nowadays patent medicines are almost always a comparative financial failure; secret medicines, on the other hand, are often a financial success, and the reason was not far to seek. In the case of a patent medicine the compulsory full description of the invention would show immediately to every educated person that in the vast majority of cases there was no originality or merit, or, in fact, any discovery at all. At the present time the price-lists of certain wholesale houses contain the names of several thousand proprietary medicines and foods. The list attached to the

Act of 1812 comprised some 550 preparations, of which 315 or thereby hard since passed out of existence. Speaking of quack-medicine advertisements, Dr. Tillie said it is impossible for new-papers to investigate the statements made; but those who administered the law take a very mild view of advertising falsehoods, and of what constituted an offence. In comparing proprietary medicines and the official medicines of the chemist and druggist, Dr. Tillie said that it is very undesirable that there should be any real interference with just trading; but since Parliament has thought it wise to impose rigid and what must prove troublesome restrictions on the trade of qualified chemists it seems unreasonable to permit persons who incar no legal responsibility to sell compounds whose names give no indication of their nature. It is a remarkable feature in our legislation that the public are carefully protected from any misdemeanour on the part of chemists, who have spent years in a quiring an intimate knowledge of drugs, while the wealthy proprietors of secret medicines are allowed to do as they please. Speaking of the stamp, he said that since 1885 its misleading character as a supposed guarantee had been remedied to some extent by the addition of the words, "This stamp involves no Government guarantee" but on a box of Mother Seigel's operating-pills purchased recently by him in Edinburgh, the stamp was so gummed on the box that the word "no" on the stamp was invisible. The mediane-stamp duty yielded, at the beginning of the century, about 33,000*l*. annually. In 1872 it had reached 82.000*l*., and it now amounts to 220,325*l*. In concluding, Dr. Tillie referred more specifically to self-treatment of disease with secret preparations.

Jeans pharmacentical Hews.

STATUE TO A PHARMACIST.—The town of Angers, which recently erected a statue of Chevreul, has now unveiled another to Goreau, the botanist, who from 1838 until his death in 1875 was director of the Botanical Gardens at Angers. Bore un's "Flora of the Centre of France" is one of the best of his works. At the unveiling of the statue, M. Labesse, President of the Congress Syndicate of Pharmacists, read an address, in which the career of the botanist was traced.

ANTISEPTIC SOLUTIONS.—M. Léon Vignon, lecturer at the Lyons Faculty of Sciences, who has previously shown the disadvantage of using antiseptic products prepared too long in advance—demonstrating, for instance, that lint and cotton-wool bandages impregnated with hiehloride of mercury lose their antiseptic power, in consequence of combination between organic matter and the salts of mercury—has now ascertained that a simple aqueous solution of bichloride of mercury also loses a part of its activity by slow decomposition. In less than eight days, he finds, a gramme of bichloride undergoes a loss of 43 per cent. The solution remains about stationary if colouring-matter or an alkaline salt be added to it. M. Vignon's researches were the subject of discussion at the Paris Academy of Sciences recently.

Paris Society of Pharmacy.—At the December monthly meeting of this society the officers for the ensuing year were elected. M. Boymond was nominated president by 21 votes out of 30; M. Julliard was appointed vice-president, and M. Leroy secured the post of secretary by 22. At the same reunion M. Mayet presented the secretary with the minutes of the Pharmacological Committee which assisted in the revision of the Codex in 1866. At the same time he presented an ancient sample of Venice theriaea. M. Guichard showed an automatic flask which has the advantage of permitting the immediate return of the liquid in the bottle containing the reagent. M. Planchon mentioned that he had received a number of materia medica products from M. Azevedo Sampaio, of Brazil, and M. Bourgoin, of Venezuela, which appear to be very interesting, and he is at present studying the specimens.

THE LIFE OF A CHEMIST at the Paris Laboratory during these periods of dynamite scares must be far from a happy

one. When an object looking like a bomb is discovered infinite pains are taken to have it sent to the Municipal Laboratory, and when it is in the hands of the chemists the public mind is at rest. But the experts are not happy, in spite of such compliments as Ravachol's to the director of the laboratory when he said to him, "Ah! M. Girard, anarchy wants a man like you!" The police are much concerned at the active part taken in anarchy of late by M. Paul Reclus. This gentleman belongs to a talented family, his uncle being the well-known geographer of the same name. The nephew is about 30 years of age, and is said to be a clever chemist, having been educated at the Paris Ecole Centrale. A compromising fact is that chemical formulæ for explosives, supposed to be in his handwriting, have been found at the address of Vaillant, who committed the outrage at the Chambre des Députés. Meanwhile, however, M. Paul Reclus has disappeared, and he is supposed to have left the country.

LONG WORDS.—At the Paris Academy of Sciences meeting held on Monday, December 18, the President, M. Lacaze Duthiers, commenced the proceedings with a paper on the "Orthography of Scientific Nomenclature." "More than a century ago," he said, "Linnæus, that great reformer, imposed rules which were always correct, and they are too often forgotten at the present time; he thought that words of too great a length became nauscous; le said, Nomina generica sequipe-dalia enunciatu difficilia vel nauscosa, fugienda sient, and Linnæus was right. Here is one of these words, and excuse me for not pronouncing it: monolasioeallenomonophyllorum. What would Linneus say if he returned nowadays and found someone trying to pronounce in his presence, as I will try to do, the words of modern chemistry. As you know, attempts have been made to colour white flowers artificially. If a portion of my audience wish to have green carnations, they must go to a dealer in chemicals and ask, if they remember the name, for Acid-diethyldibenzyldiamidotriphenylcarbinotrisulphonate." M. Lacaze Duthiers added: "I helieve in preserving a reasonable and useful scientific orthography, in spite of the maledictions that may be poured on our heads; even also if we are to pass as pedantic.

THE ROUBAIX MUNICIPAL PHARMACY is likely to have a chequered career if it ever takes a permanent form. The Prefeet of the Département du Nord promptly caneelled the first vote of 25,000f. (1,000%) towards a municipal pharmacy, but the Municipal Council of Rouhaix unanimously renewed its vote for the purpose, at a meeting held on December 15. The following is the text of the proposal on which the Council voted:—

"In view of the fact that no law exists against a Municipal Pharmacy being established to sell medicaments at cost price, and considering that the duty of a Socialist Municipality is to provide its constituents with the most favourable conditions for all the means of combating maladies and for recovering health, this Council maintains its deliberation of October 13 last under which a credit of 25,000f, is opened for the purpose of establishing a Municipal Pharmacy to sell madicaments at cost price."

Before the vote was carried the following letter was read from M. Vel-Durand, the Prefeet:—

"By a resolution date! October 13 last, the Manicipal Council of Roubaix vote! a provisional credit of 25,000f, towards the installation of a Manicipal Pharmacy. The project of opening such a pharmacy supplying the public with medicaments at cost price is protestel against by all the pharmacists of the town, who remark that this scheme would rain the trade which they carry on under the law of 21 Germinal, Year XI. I may add that it persains solely to the hospitals and public dispensaries specially constituted with that view to open pharmacists a annexes to their establishments, and to distribute medicaments gratuitously to the indigent poor, who are regularly inscribed on their relief-lists. The Municipality can vote subsidies for the purpose of extending the benefits of such assistance if necessary, but it cannot do more under the existing laws, consequently I am unable to approve the resolution passed in this connection by the Manicipal Council. You will oblige me by informing the pharmacists of Roubaix of this, in reply to a petition I have received from them on the subject."

A similar opinion expressed by M. Vel-Durand was reported in The Chemist and Druggist of November 18 last.

A CURIOUS CASE OF POISONING is recorded from Madras. A woman was bitten by a cobra, and while suffering from the poison she nursed her child aged about one year. Both died from the effects of the poison.

soreign and Colonial Rews.

THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN JAMAICA.—The West Indies Chemical Works (Limited) is the title of a new enterprise about to be established at Spanish Town, Jamaica, the object being the extraction of dye from logwood, cashaw, and other vegetable substances.

THE METRIC SYSTEM IN RUSSIA.—The first step towards the introduction of the decimal system into Russia will be made with the new year (January 13, old style), when, by order of the Tsar, the chemists of the empire will begin to use decimal weights and measures.

MINERAL-WATER MAKING IN GERMANY.—The police in Posen, Germany, have issued an order prohibiting the use in the manufacture of artificial mineral-waters of any other than distilled water or of chemicals which do not hold the pharmaeopæial tests. The penalty for infringing the order is 30s, for each offence.

SCHERING'S CHEMISCHE FABRIK.—At a recent meeting of the shareholders in the chemical works (formerly Schering, of Berlin) it was stated that the nett profits for the first ten months of the current year have amounted to 970,649m., against 1,051,168m. in the same period of 1892. The Russian tariff war and the fall in silver are put down as the eauses of the decline in the profits.

A SOCIALISTIC PHARMACY IN ANTWERP.—There are a great many Socialists in Antwerp, and they are very well organised. Step by step they are adopting co-operative supply methods. They already have a bakery, a grocer's shop, and a dry-goods business, and some time ago they started a pharmacy of their own. The pharmacy appears to flourish, although up to the present no figures have been published to show its turnover and profits. The turnover of the four shops combined is over 40,000% a year.

THE SONS OF LIBERTY AND MEDICINE.—A bronze memorial tablet, placed in the south wall of the building of the Humphreys' Homoeopathic Medicine Co., at the eorner of John and William Streets, New York, has recently been unveiled. It bears the inscription: "Golden Hill. Here, January 18, 1770, the fight took place between the Sons of Liberty and the British Regulars (16th foot). First blood shed in the war of the Revolutiou. Erected by the Sons of the Revolution." In revolutionary times the locality where the Humphreys' Medicine Company is now established was known as Golden Hill, and on the spot the first collision of the American war of independence occurred between the Americans and the British troops.

"WAIT OUTSIDE, PLEASE."—An agitation has been commenced in the Berlin Press with the object of compelling the pharmacists of that city to provide suitable waiting-rooms, where persons handing in prescriptions during the nighthours shall be able to wait in comfort while the medicine is being dispensed. Until ten years ago it was the general eustom of German pharmacists to allow persons bringing prescriptions during night-hours to wait in the shop, but on October 23, 1883, an assistant in Strassburg was murdered by a scounderl who had obtained admission to the pharmacy under pretence of handing in a prescription for dispensing, and since then the custom has been adopted in most large eities of making people wait in the street.

The Duty on Petroleum Jelly in France.—The question has been raised in France, for duty-charging purposes, whether the tariff rates of 32f. or 28f. per 100 kilogs. for vaseline apply not only to petroleum-jelly for pharmacy and perfumery purposes, but also to more or less imperfect petroleum-jellies used for lubricating machines and other analogous purposes. The Consultative Committee of Arts and Manufactures, having considered the question, has given the opinion that the tariff rates above referred to apply only to pure vaseline (also called "natural vaseline"), to the exclusion of greases, heavy oils, and residues intended for lubricating, these being admissible under the heading of "lubrieating oils." Ministerial ratification has been accorded to these distinctions, and they will therefore govern the application of the import duties.

PHARMACY IN CAPE COLONY.—The eighth quarterly meeting of the Colonial Pharmacy Board was held in Cape Town on November 9. Six members were present, Mr. W. Pocock occupying the chair. It was brought to the notice of

the Board that several accidents are reported to have occurred owing to the careless use of the arseniate of soda that is being distributed to farmers and others throughout the colony for the extermination of the prickly pear, and it was decided to address the Government on the subject.—Mr. Helmore moved a resolution to the effect that all strong mineral acids ought to be deemed poisons within the meaning of division 2, schedule b, of the Medical and Pharmacy Act, 1893. This was seconded by the President, and passed. In order to ascertain whether the provisions of the Act were being properly observed, it was resolved to ask the Government for a return of sales of poisons by Secretaries c. Poisoning Clubs, and to enquire whether the poison books were being properly kept.

PHARMACY AT DAVOS PLATZ.—In our summer issue we called attention to certain charges brought against the Medical Association of Davos Platz, in Switzerland (a body of which twelve out of the thirteen medical men practising in the famous Swiss watering-place are members), by a Mr. J. Amann, formerly apotheker in Davos. Mr. Amann was the aboriginal pharmacist of the Kurort, but when Davos grew into a spct of European renown as a health-resort for consumptives the medical men began to be dissatisfied with Mr. Amann's performances in the pharmaceutical line. Reproofs and monitions to march along with the times brought Mr. Amana. down upon the medical faculty with counter-accusations of boycotting and terrorising, and the end of the quarrel was that a pharmacist from St. Gall was asked to start a business at Davos and promised medical support. Mr. Amann thereupon wrote a series of articles in the local papers declaring that he was being turned out of his livelihood for no fault of his own. The manager of the new Davos Pharmacy, who is a subscriber to the C. δ D, and appears to be utilising the long winter nights in reading the back numbers of this journal, just written to us telling us that the quarrel between Mr. Amann and the principalities and powers of Davos has been satisfactorily settled, Mr. Hausmann, the St. Gall apotheker, having bought Mr. Amann's business, while that gentleman and the Medical Association mutually withdraw the charges they have made against each other, and which they now discover to have been used only in the Pickwickian sense. So all is well that ends well, and we hope that by the time the intelligent manager in the Davos Platz Pharmacy receives his winter issue of the C. & D. he will have caught up level in his reading of current pharmaccutical literature.

THE BORAX KING AND THE CALIFORNIAN HOODLUMS .-The late Mr. Coleman, the American "Borax King," whose death we announced in our last issue, played a prominent part in the stirring days of 1856, when, all the rascaldom in the Western Continent having been attracted to California by the gold finds in that country, San Francisco had become such an Alsatia that decent citizens were put to the choice either of being frozen out by the rapscallions, or, in classic phrase, of stamping scoundrelism well under ground and planting wholesome cabbage over it. The order party chose the latter alternative and formed a Vigilance Committee, which acted with so much promptitude, lynching a fair percentage of the secundrels by hanging and administering the lead-cure to others, that the Pacific Slope gradually again became habitable for decent people. Mr. Coleman was the chief of the committee, and again acted in that capacity in July, 1877, when the "Kearney Mob" prepared to terrorise San Francisco. When Dennis Kearney and his Sandlot mob threatened to sack the city, Mr. Coleman was waited upon by a committee of citizens, and was asked to organise a committee to aid the police. He at once mapped out the work, and within twenty-four hours had several thousand men drilling. The companies were to use pick-handles in their encounters with street mobs, and to employ pistols only in the last extremity. This force of Coleman's saved the Pacific Mail Company's wharf from destruction, and taught the mob so wholesome a lesson that when Kearney had marched his men to Nob Hill he did not have the nerve to order them to burn the houses of Stanford and Croker, because he was warned that the moment this order was given he would be arrested, and would be tried and hanged (sic!) before morning. About two years before his death Mr. Coleman contributed a stirring article on these riots to the Century Magazine.

The Minter Session.

LIVERPOOL CHEMISTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE Association met at the Royal Institution on Thursday, December 14, Mr. J. Hocken presiding. The question of the

FEDERATION OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

was introduced by the SECRETARY, who stated that the Council had unanimously elected Dr. Symes to represent the Association.

Dr. Symes, in accepting the office, said that he felt great interest in the question, and was willing to do all he could to bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs. Many organisations got up for special purposes have been known to fail, but from the earnestness and determination shown by the originators of this scheme he was certain it was bound to suceeed.

Mr. EDWARD DAVIES, F.C.S., then read a paper on

ARTIFICIAL FEBRIFUCES

This was an account of some of the synthetic antifebrile substances which have been introduced into medicine within recent years, the information being obtained from Allen's "Commercial Organic Analysis." Predicating that febrifuges should contain nitrogen Mr. Davies divided them into four groups. First, hydrazines—viz., hydracetin and phenyl-hydrazine levulinate; second, pyrazolones, which include antipyrin and its salts; third, aniline derivatives, acetanilide, para-brom-acetanilide (antisepsin), methyl-acetanilide (exalgine), benzanilide, and europhen; fourth, phenol derivatives such as phenacetin, methacetin and the kairins.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer for his lucid rendering of the subject, Mr. Connor said that the great incentive to the discovery of artificial febrifuges—namely, the dearness of quinine—had now passed away, and the cheapness of that alkaloid rendered further investigation unnecessary except for purely scientific purposes.

CHEMISTS' ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION.

AT last week's meeting a paper was read by Mr. H. A. D. JOWETT, B.Sc., on

PHARMACEUTICAL TRAINING, AS IT IS AND AS IT SHOULD BE.

Mr. Jowett's ideas of a typical pharmacist were that he should be a man who knows his business thoroughly, and possesses a knowledge not only of the various technicalities of his vocation, but of the principles of the sciences of which the many varied operations he is called upon to perform are applications—in fact, he should possess a thorough knowledge of both the theory and practice of pharmacy. He divided the period of time devoted to training into three parts—(1) apprenticeship, (2) study of the sciences on which pharmacy based with a view to passing his qualifying examinations, and (3) the period after he is qualified and anterior to his commencing business for himself. As to apprenticeship he said that only a few learn their business systematically. Most frequently apprentices do not get time for study or recreation, and learn only that part of the business carried on in the shop, such as photographic work, oil and colours, cattle-medicine, and so on; very few indeed learn to dispense. In the second stage the general idea is to get the knowdedge as quickly as possible pass the Minor, and then go into business. Mr. Jowett thought this accounted for the number of failures in the Minor. After referring to other reasons which are accountable for the large percentage of failures, the author briefly commented upon the Major, and proceeded to speak of training as it should be. The pharmacist, he said, should have a good general education. As an apprentice he should learn as much as possible of the actual practice of pharmacy, gradually passing to more and more difficult operations as proficiency is acquired in the early stages. At the same time, the sciences bordering on pharmacy-viz., chemistry and botany-should be systematically studied, and he should apply this knowledge to elucidating the rationale of the different operations he performs. He should also have a good knowledge of the sciences of chemistry and botany,

certainly sufficient for him to pass the Minor examination with ease; and during the last year of apprenticeship attention should be paid to materia medica and pharmacy proper. Such a one will have no difficulty in passing the Minor, and this done he should extend his knowledge on the scientific side in some laboratory, and acquire proficiency in the operations required to be performed by the scientific pharmacist, and then pass the Major. Having thus acquired a thorough grounding in the sciences bordering on pharmacy, he has now to learn by experience as much as he can about the varied branches of pharmacy. He should become conversant with all that is required in the more scientific side of the business, such as technical analysis and manufacturing operations; he should also obtain experience in different localities, and always learning and using his powers of observation. He will thus be ready to become a master pharmacist himself, and with the knowlege and experience gained he is likely to become a successful man in business.

The President, in opening the discussion, said that the Pharmaceutical Preliminary should be abolished, and certificates of having passed recognised examinations of a better standard accepted in place of it. The South Kensington science classes were useful to everyone, and apprentices who had attended them always did better than those who had not when they began studying for the Minor. When men were well trained and qualified they always wished to go on to something else rather than go back into business. It was a great pity, but, the President continued, it very often was from want of a good business training, and, consequently, a Major man would become discouraged with business because he had few business ideas and no scope for his scientific knowledge.

Mr. Tickle thought the London Matriculation examination should replace the Preliminary. He believed that it would be of great value if a youth could be taught technical subjects prior to his starting business, so that he might commence his apprenticeship with some knowledge of his work, and be permitted to undertake the various pharmaceutical operations instead of spending his time putting up stock.

Mr. Davies thought much improvement might be made

in drawing up the indentures of apprenticeship, so that a youth might leave his master if he (the master) was found incompetent to teach him his business.

Mr. GARNETT agreed with the President's remarks, and thought much more ought to be done in introducing special clauses into indentures, and pharmacists ought to teach their apprentices the rudiments of the sciences connected with their business. He also thought the reason why well-trained men did not go back to retail business was that the work was uncongenial to them after their scientific training.

Messis. Hill, R. H. Jones, Care, Gane, Melhuish, Long and Roe continued the discussion, some of them speaking critically, and Mr. JOWETT replied.

Gazette.

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

Addis, W., and Addis, R., Herbert Street, Hoxton, N., hone and ivory brush manufacturers, under the style of Messrs. William Addis & Son.

Clark, R., Melrose, J., and Scruton, S., York, wholesale chemists and druggists, under the style of Raimes & Co.; so far as regards R. Clark.

Fordham, J. W., and Summers, T. C., Mile End Road, E., sur-

geons and apothecaries, under the style of Fordham & Summers.

Miller, F. D., and Stokes, F. A., Lasingstoke, general melical practitioners, underthe style of Miller & Stokes.

Plant, H., jun., and Trawford, J., Bloxwich, brush manufacturers, under the style of Plant & Trawford.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACTS, 1883 AND 1890.

ADJUDICATIONS.

Clarke, Mary, Nottingham, ointment manufacturer.

Brown, William Alfred, Radford, late Nottingham, manager of brush business, until recently brush manufacturer.

Hendry, Richard (trading as Richard Hendry & Sons), Sunderland, shoemaker and glass-bottle manufacturer.

Marsden, Edward (trading as P. & E. Marslen), Bradford, soap-boiler and manufacturing chemist.

Sarjant, Josiah John, Leamington, surgeon.

Saunderson, Robert, Croydon, late Selhurst, near Croydon, registered me lical practitioner.

Legal Reports.

THE LANOLINE CASE.

BENNO JAFFÉ & DARMSTAEDTER LANOLIN FABRIK v. RICHARDSON & CO.

JUDGMENT.

In the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, on Saturday, December 16, judgment was given in this action, the hearing of which occupied the attention of the

Court for seven days.

Mr. Justice Romer said: The patent the subject of this action is one for the manufacture of a product called lanoline from wool-fat. At the date of the patent it was well known that the wool of sheep contained fatty matters, but at that date, for all purposes of practical utility, these fatty matters were only being extracted and used in the following way. The wool was washed with an alkali, or an alkaline soap and water, so as to extract therefrom all the fatty matters and impurities, which of course remained in the wash-liquors, leaving the wool clean. These liquors were often referred to as waste liquors, because the main object of the washing was to clean the wool, and not to utilise the fats or impurities removed in the process. But at the date of the patent the waste liquors were not entirely wasted, but were utilised in the following way—and this was practically the only way in which they had been utilised for more than a century hefore that date. Acids were mixed with the liquors in the vessel containing them. The result of this was that the fats went to the top, and could be and were skimmed off and kneaded into a greasy substance. This substance was and is known as commercial wool-fat. It contained many impurities, some of which could be cleansed away more or less by washing, and then it would sometimes be ealled eleansed commercial wool-fat; but even this contained many impurities, it was darkish in colour, and liable to turn rancid, and had an unpleasant odour, was a coarse substance, which could only properly be used, and only was used, as a grease for railway-wheels, or for treating leather, or for other similar rough purposes. It could not be, and never was, used as an unguent or ointment, or for any pharmaceutical or medical purpose; and until lanoline was discovered, and put on the market after the invention the subject of the patent, no product of wool-fat was used or had been used for more than a century for pharmacy or for any medical purpose, or appeared or was referred to in any Pharmacopæia published since 1720. Moreover, the process by which this commercial wool-fat was produced was tedious and expensive, and liable to cause obnoxious smells, and a nuisance to the neighbourhood of the factory. Now, the product from wool fat of "lanoline," which was discovered by the patentees, and the manufacture of which was patented, was for all practical purposes a new and very valuable product. Its utility is not in dispute. It is extremely valuable as an unguent or ointment, being almost colourless, inodorous and not liable to turn rancid. It is largely used in pharmacy, and can be usefully applied even to the mucous parts of the body. Its sale is very large and increasing, and it now appears in the Pharmacopocia, and is recognised in pharmacy and medicine as of useful and valuable preparation. Such an invention as this is a great merit, and, speaking for myself, I should approach the specification of such an invention with every wish, as far as I legitimately could, to uphold it, and not if possible to allow it to be invalidated by technicalities. What, then, was the invention which enabled this new product to be made? To appreciate that it is necessary for me to state shortly some of the properties of wool in its uncleansed state and its products. It contains, besides impurities of various kinds, two fatty matters—namely, fatty acids in various forms, which when mixed with an alkali form a soap, and cholesterin fats, which are practically not capable of being turned into soap by alkali. So that when the wool is washed with an alkali or alkaline soap the liquor contains (1) cholesterin fats, (2) soap, and (3) impurities, and these three constituents differ in specific gravity, the cholesterin being the lightest. If to this liquor acids are added in the way adopted before this patent, the result is that the alkali is driven out of the soap, and the fatty acids set free rise to the

top together with the cholesterin fats and some of the impurities, so that the fats skimmed off contain not only the cholesterin, but the fatty acids mixed with impurities, and these go to form the ordinary commercial wool-fat. the fatty acids are the cause of rancidity, and it was chiefly $du\epsilon$ to their presence in the commercial wool-fat that it had the defects I have before pointed out, and could be utilised only for the coarse purposes I have mentioned, and not in pharmacy or medicine. If the cholesterin fats be freed from these fatty acids and the other impurities, then a product is obtained which, when kneaded and washed, is found to have a great capacity for taking up water with it, and to have the highly useful qualities I have before referred to under its name of lanoline. Now, the above properties of wool and its different constituents were for the first time fully ascertained and discovered by the inventors of the patented invention, and what they patented was the way by which (availing themselves of the properties they had discovered) the cholesterin could be separated from the fatty acids and the impurities, and be worked up so as to make the lanoline. That way is seen to be a very simple one when once discovered and set forth; but with this, as with many other inventions of the highest importance, it does not follow that because it appears simple when discovered and explained it was ohvious before or did not require invention, or is not of great merit and the proper subject of a patent. The contrary is the ease here. Though many had previously sought a process whereby a better product might be obtained from woolwashings than the commercial wool-fat, no such process had, up to the date of this patent, been ascertained, and I gather that the inventors only discovered the new process after a long course of investigation and experiment. The new process, stated shortly, is this. Take the liquor (or lye, as it is sometimes ealled) coming from the wool-washings by alkali or alkaline soap. Refrain from acidulating itthat is, take the fresh undecomposed lye-and bearing in mind that the three ingredients (1) cholesterin fats, (2) soap, and (3) impurities are of different specific gravity, separate them mechanically by the well-known best and quickest method—that is, by a centrifugal machine. Take the light cholesterin fats or raw lanoline so separated, and knead it in cold water. Further purification can be applied by putting it in hot water (so separating the fat), and then putting the fat matter again through the centrifugal machine or dissolving the fat by a solvent and separating the solution by any of the well-known means. And the fat so cleansed is then again kneaded with water, and the product lanoline is obtained. The specification also points out that you can obtain the product from commercial wool-fat by treating the latter with an alkali so as to obtain a milky fluid which is equivalent to the fresh undecomposed lye, and can he treated accordingly. Now, from what I have stated it is clear that no objection could be properly made to this patent either on the ground that the invention patented was not useful, or on the ground that it was not new or not good What additional fact, then, have the subject-matter. defendants to rely upon to support an objection on any of the above grounds? Substantially nothing but this. appears that the Greeks were aware, and Dioscorides pointed out, that from wool could be obtained (by washing it in hot water) some of its grease, and that if this grease were collected and washed repeatedly in water, a substance called "esypus" could be obtained, which was useful in certain cases as an unguent. But so far as the process can be ascertained from the known editions of Dioscorides or the treatises of persons acquainted with his writings or with this œsypus, it is clear that it could not produce lanoline; nor would any person acquainted with such process as described have been naturally lcd to discover lanoline. For, amongst other reasons, not a word is said in the descriptions of the process about any alkali being used, and from what I have stated above it is elear that without it no laneline could be produced. Washings in water, if repeated often enough, will remove some of the more soluble of the fatty acids, but will not remove all, some of those fatty acids not being soluble in water. And, indeed, from the description of this cosypus set forth in the published works on the subject put in evidence by the defendants, it appears to me it had not the properties of lanoline. In addition, œsypus was practically unknown as a product for many years before this patent, and when, in fact, it was last used no onc knows

It was last referred to in any Pharmacopæia in the year 1720 Doubtless it was east aside because not practically useful. Some experts for the defendants say now that they have produced a more or less satisfactory ointment by following Dioscorides' directions; but Professor Attfield stated that he only learnt how to work Dioscorides' process gradually, and by the aid of three or four experiments, from which one can well infer what would have happened to any persons less skilled than he if they had tried to make a product like lanoline mercly from what Dioscorides had taught. All I need say, in conclusion on this part of the case, is that if any person can produce a useful article by merely following the directions of Dioscorides he is at liberty to do so notwithstanding the patent; but I doubt if he can do so, and certainly it cannot be said that those directions are an anticipation of this patent, or deprive the inventors of the merits of their invention, or prevent the Court from saying that the invention was new and good subject-matter for a patent and of great value. This disposes of all substantial objections to the patent. As is not unusual in patent-cases, numerous objections were taken of a technical and petty description, which greatly increased the expense of the action and the time required to decide it. and yet when threshed out were found of no avail. All these were abandoned except one, which I must briefly notice. It is a typical instance. As one of the alternative processes for further purification of raw lanoline referred to in the specification is dissolution by a solvent, and amongst other solvents mentioned is methylated spirit. Ihc defendants lay hold of this, and say it is not a u-eful solvent, as, though it may dissolve impurities, and so be useful as a purifier, it does not dissolve, except with difficulty, the pure cholesterin fats, and they say that according to the strict wording of the specification a person would gather that all the raw landline is intended to be dissolved. But, in the first place, I am satisfied on the evidence that the persons to whom the specification is addressed would readily gather from it that such solvent referred to is to be used as a parifier according to its known properties, and would not imagine that in every case it was essential to dissolve the whole of the raw landline. In the second place, the defendants' witnesses on the subject appear never to have tried methylated spirit on raw lanoline, and on the evidence as a whole I am satisfied that it can be used usefully on occasions as a solvent purifier on raw landling, though it may not be always so efficacious as some of the other solvents mentioned in the specification. The result is I hold the patent to be The only remaining question is as to infringement, bearing in mind that the patent is a claim for the making of lanoline and does not separately claim the product itself. Now, admittedly, what the defendants are selling under the name of anaspaline is (putting aside an immaterial ingredient) merely lanoline. The question is, how is it Treating, as I am entitled to do for this purpose, the defendants and the manufacturers from whom they buy their unfinished products as one person, the defendants' process of manufacture may be shortly stated thus. They adopt in substance the whole process of the patent, the only difference in the form of the process being that instead of mechanically separating the fresh undecomposed by procured by alkali-washing by the centrifugal machine, they separate it mechanically by letting the lye rest in a vessel, so that the lighter portion, being the cholesterin fat, goes to the top, and then they skim that off and work it. Does this enable the defendants to say that they have not infringed the patent? I think not. They appear to me to have taken the essence, or what is sometimes called the pith and marrow, of the invention. The use of the centrifugal machine was not of the essence of the patented invention. That machine was a well-known method of separating machanically materials of different specific gravity, and was to my mind referred to in the specification as being, and because it was, the most speedy and efficient known means for effecting the separation. The mechanical separation by allowing gravity to act on such materials when deposited in a vessel in the ordinary way is a well-known equivalent, though not so speedy or efficacious, and the defendants cannot by adopting this, when they on all essential matters take the plaintiffs' invention, be heard to say they are not using the invention or infringing the patent.

It follows that the plaintiffs are entitled to the usual relief against the defendants as infringers.

Sir Richard Webster: Then, my Lord, I ask for an injunction, and I elect to have damages in preference to profits.

Mr. Justice Romer: Yes.

Sir R. Webster: I ask for a certificate that the validity of the patent came in question under the statute.

Mr. Justice Romer: Yes.

Sir R. Webster: And also that we have proved our Particulars of Breaches.

Mr. Justice Romer: Yes. Sir R. Webster: And I ask your Lordship for the costs of the shorthand notes, which have been of considerable assistance.

Mr. Justice Romer: Has there been any arrangement as to that?

Sir Richard Webster: Yes, my Lord, I am told that has been arranged. I do not know whether I can ask for costs on the higher scale.

Mr. Justice Romer: I do not think so.

VINEGAR-MAKERS AT WAR.

THE action brought by Messrs, Champion & Co., vinegarmakers, of the City Road, London, against the Birmingham Vinegar-brewery Company, to recover damages for alleged slander and libel, came before Lord Chief Justice Coleridge and Mr. Justice Collins, sitting as a Divisional Court of the Queen's Bench, on Friday last. The parties are rival vinegarmakers, and the matter came before the Court in the form of an appeal by the defendants against an interim injunction granted by Mr. Justice Bruce restraining the defendants and their agents from continuing to publish the statements complained of.

Mr. Blake Odgers, Q.C., and Mr. Younger appeared for defendants in support of the appeal, while Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., and Mr. Lewis Coward represented the plaintiffs, and

supported the injunction.

The libels which the plaintiffs sought to repress, and which formed the subject-matter of the action, were three in number, and were handbills which purported to be extracts from articles published in certain trade journals. The first was headed "Champion's Vinegar in Court" and went on to say:—

At the South Shields Petty Sessions a grover of Hebburn-on-Tyne was charged with selling vinegar which had been a lulterated to the extent of 20 per cent. . . . The vinegar had been received from Messrs. Champion. The case having been adjourned for Messrs. Champion to make an analysis, they wired-"Sample examined is a perfectly pure and excellent vinegar made from grain and malted barley. There must be a mistake on the part of the analyst. We welcome most heartily the attacks of analysts upon acid-made vinegars. . . . As sellers in bulk we are advised that we cannot be expected to defend a case of this kind." The Bench observed that it was evident Messrs. Champion did not desire to defend the charge, and it was most unfair that the disgrace should be visited upon retail dealers when it really belonged to the manufacturing firm. A fine of 5s. and costs was

The publication of this report on slips was what the plain-

tiffs complained of.

Mr. Odgers in supporting the appeal said there was no suggestion that any part of the report was false. The plaintiffs had alleged that the analyst was wrong, and that there was no pyroligneous acid in their vinegar. Mr. Bigwood, managing director of Champion & Co., had been interviewed by a journalist and asked, "If you were of opinion that your vincgar was above reproach, and that the analyst was wrong, would it not have been wiser to send down your own analyst to defend the case before the Magistrates?" Mr. Bigwood, in answer, said, "Judging by the event, it would have been better to have sent down, but we relied upon the high repute and well-known quality of all goods sent out by The learned counsel urged the Court to take the view that the publication was fair and accurate comment upon Messrs. Champion's conduct in not coming forward and taking up the defence when the quality of their vinegar was called in question.

Sir E. Clarke said the dissolving of this injunction might act as a sort of licence to the persons who had these handbills, and encourage them to circulate them. The injunction would have been unnecessary if the defendants would under-

take to stop the circulation of the libels.

The Lord Chief Justice held that a judge should be absolutely satisfied before granting an interim injunction that wrong had been done. In this case he (Lord Coleridge) was not by any means certain that when the case came before a jury, there could not be justification in point of fact, or justification on the ground that the occasions of publication were privileged. Therefore, this injunction must be dissolved.

Mr. Justice Collins, in concurring, said the plaintiffs could not contend that the occasions of publication were not privileged, and therefore, it would be for the jury to say whether the privilege had been abused. There was a reasonable possibility that the jury might find for the defendants, and therefore, the injunction ought not to have been granted. Injunction dissolved accordingly.

ALUM IN BAKING-POWDERS.

MR. JUSTICE HAWKINS and Mr. Justices Lawrance, sitting as a Divisional Court of the Queen's Bench, on Monday last, heard an appeal under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. The appellant was James James, a Welsh grocer, who was convicted in February last for selling baking-powder mixed with 40 per cent. of alum, and was fined 2l. with 17l. 19s. 6d. for costs. The respondent was an inspector appointed under the Act.

Sir Richard Webster, Q.C., Mr. Brynmor Jones, Q.C., and Mr. MacMorran were counsel for the appellant; Mr. Finlay,

Q.C., and Mr. Rhys supported the conviction.

Sir Richard Webster said the Justices of Blaenrhondda, in the county of Glamorgan, convicted the appellant on February 15, and he appealed to the Quarter Sessions at Swansea, but that court upheld the conviction. On December 10, 1892, the appellant sold to the respondent a packet of baking-powder weighing about 1 oz. for one penny. The baking-powder was composed of the following ingredients:—Bicarbonate of soda, 20 per cent.; alum, 40 per cent.; and ground rice, 40 per cent. This baking-powder, called "Excelsior," had been sold for many years and was used in the process of making bread, cakes, and pastry. In order to cause the mixture of flour and water of which bread. cakes, and pastry were composed to rise and become light and digestible when baked it was necessary that a certain quantity of carbonic-acid gas should be generated and diffused through the dough. The gas might be evolved by the growth of yeast or by baking-powder. Bicarbonate of soda was contained in the baking-powder and carbonic-acid gas was contained in the bicarbonate of soda. In order to liberate this gas and cause it to permeate the dough there must be a chemical combination of an acid of some kind with the bicarbonate of soda, which substances, when dissolved in water or in the moisture of the dough produced by water, combined, and the liberation of the gas was effected. The acid used in the best known baking-powders was tartaric acid, which was not injurious to health. Ground rice was added to the bicarbonate of soda and alum for the purpose of preserving the compound from injury and damp and preventing chemical combination before actual use in the dough. The ground rice remained with the alum in the form of hydrate of alumina in the bread, and both passed into the human system. The learned counsel proceeded to argue that baking-powder was not an article of food within the Food and Drugs Act. The Act was not a statute for enforcing the purity of chemicals used for a particular purpose. It was a penal statute, and therefore must be construed strictly. Making baking-powder in this way was not an offence against the Act. The section which gave a definition of the term "food" said "the term food shall include every article used for food or drink by man other than drugs or water." The appellant in this case was not indicted for mixing anything with any food, nor for selling any article of food not of the substance and quality of the article demanded by the purchaser. If the appellant was liable at all it must be for having sold an article of food. But bakingpowder was not an article of food. Nobody ever eats bakingpowder. On these packets were directions for mixing one teaspoonful with a pound of flour. This baking-powder was merely a substitute for yeast, and had been on the market for years. As no article of food had been sold or adulterated, he submitted that the conviction was wrong, and must be quashed.

Mr. Finlay, in opposing the appeal, said that if Sir R.

Webster's view was correct, further legislation with regard to the sale of food and drugs was urgently demanded, because it imputed that the legislature had passed an Act which was utterly useless to protect the public. At i) e trial some eminent experts gave evidence, and the Court was satisfied upon that evidence that alum was injurious to bealth. not baking-powder an article of food? When the words of the defining section in the Act were examined, it was impossible to avoid the conclusion that it was Food" included every article used for food or drink by man, other than drugs or water. His learned opporent argued that these words meant only articles which were used in their separate condition. Was not flour an article of tood? Noone would ever cat flour. According to Sir R. Webster flour was not food. His learned friend would also say oil was not food, because nobody ever drank oil except castor oil. (Laughter.)

Sir R. Webster: Salad oil.

Mr. Finlay: Does my friend drink the oil first and eat the salad afterwards? Then is not pepper an article of food? But I do not think the hungriest man would fill his stomach with pepper alone. (Laughter.)

Mr. Justice Hawkins: I have heard of meat pies being

made of nothing but air and pepper.

Mr. Finlay thought that such a fiery article of diet would be relished only by the strongest and best-seasored stomacha. (Laughter.) Following the same argument, salt would not be an article of food, and even corn itself would be excluded. These examples were enough to show that Si R Webster's contention was absurd. This case had been decided upon fact, not law, and the finding of the Courts below was enough to show that baking-powder was an article of food. It was an article of food just as much as oil, salt, pepper, and flour. If the appellant's contention was upheld, no one could be convicted of putting sand or powdered glass into salt or pepper. Baking powder was clearly used for read by man, and the magistrates found that it was eaten nuxed with the

Mr. Justice Hawkins: Is brimstone an article of food?

Mr Finlay suggested that it would be a drug.

Sir R Webster: Oh, no. Mr. Squeers did not use it like that at Dotheboys Hall. (Laughter.)

Mr. Justice Hawkins: It is a deleterious conjourd mixed

with treacle.

Mr. Finlay: I have never experimented upon it, so I cannot say. But I submit Mr. Squeers most certainly might have been convicted under this statute, if it had been in force in his day, for supplying to his boys for rewur enation this mixture of treacle—which is an article of food—with brimstene, which is deleterious to health. It my friend by his elequence as an advocate succeeds here to day, I amquite sure he will, as a legislator, be equally eloquent in Parliament for the purpose of altering what his pleading has, brought about. But he cannot succeed, because this takingpowder is clearly within the Act, and the conviction must be upheld.

Mr. Justice Hawkins: As the matter is of such importance and general interest, we will take time to prepare our judgment.

ANOTHER VINEGAR-CASE DISMISSED.

AT South Shields Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, Daniel Sharpe, grocer, Hebburn, was charged on remand with selling adulterated vinegar. At the previous hearing of the case the certificate of the county analyst stated that the vinegar only contained 60 per cent, of malt vinegar, and the other 40 per cent. was derived from other sources. Mr. Neil, who appeared for the defendant and for the makers, then asked that the sample be submitted to Somerset House, and the case was adjourned for this purpose. This certificate was now read. It stated that the sample was pure compercial malt vinegar.

Mr. lliff (for the prosecution) asked for another adjournment so as to brirg evidence in support of the original certificate. This the Bench refused, but Mr. Stock, public analyst, was called, and stated that he adhered to his certificate. In his opinion the certificate of the Somerset House authorities was not correct.

Mr. Neil said the vinegar which was sold by the defendants was sold to them with a written certificate stating that it

was pure malt vinegar. The vinegar had been sold for the past 150 years, and Mr. Stock was the first public analyst to discover that it was not the correct article. It had stood the test at Somerset House, and he contended that the case should fail.

Mr. Francis Sutton, county analyst for Norfolk, said that, in his opinion, the sample was pure malt vinegar. It was not possible to make vinegar of a purer nature.

The Bench, after retiring, determined to dismiss the case, and another on the same lines, with costs, which they fixed at 14. 14s.

COUNTY COURT CASES.

Teterinary-medicine Agency.

AT Leeds County Court, on December 14, before Judge Gecchow, Alfred Preston. of Thorner, was sued by Thomas Markham, trading as the Stud Veterinary-medicine Company, of Leeds, to recover the sum of 2l. 4s. 4d. Plaintiff said that Preston took medicines, and agreed to act as agent for the sale of same in Thorner. That was in May last. On July 19 defendant wrote saying he had been unable to sell any of the goods, and asked plaintiff to take back part of them, promising to be responsible for the remainder. The defendant said plaintiff brought great pressure to bear upon him to take up the agency and promised not to appoint another agent in the district, but subsequently appointed others in neighbouring villages. The plaintiff said he only undertook to give the defendant the sole agency for Thorner. His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff without costs.

Mr. Fernando's Debts.

THE case of Rogers v. Fernando came before Judge Lumley Smith on Tuesday in the Westminster County Court. The defendant said he had several judgments against him. He had turned his chemist's business into a limited company, and he received 100l. a year. He had five times broken a blood-vessel that year, and had only got up to come to the court. He had a wife and two children. Plaintiff's solicitor asked for a committal, because he would be unable to get his money without. He did not mind how long it was suspended as long as the order was made. His Honour made an order for 1l. a month. Plaintiff's Solicitor: That only means that I shall have to come here every month. His Honour: You need not unless you like.

Messrs. Savory & Moore's Claim.

THE case of Savory & Moore v. Armitage, which was reported last week, was again before Judge Lumley Smith in the Westminster County Court on Monday, when an application was made on behalf of the plaintiffs for the payment out of court of the debt and costs. On the previous Thursday the defendantapplied for a new trial on the ground that he was not personally liable for the debt in respect of which judgment had been obtained. The application was granted on condition that the debt and costs should be paid into court. Plaintiffs's olicitor now said the debt and costs had been paid into court, with an admission of liability, and he asked that the moneys should be paid to the plaintiffs, together with the costs of that day's application. His Honour ordered payment out of the money in court, but declined to allow costs of the application for the withdrawal of the money.

An Analytical Chemist Summoned.

On Tuesday, before the Assistant Judge, in the Lord Mayor's Court, Messrs. A. B. Parr & Co. summoned Charles Ingret, on a judgment summons, to show cause in regard to a claim of 13/. 8s. for which judgment had been obtained. It was said, for the plaintiffs, that the defendant carried on the business of an analytical chemist at 60 Watling Street, but the witness was unable to say whether the defendant kept any assistants. An order was eventually made against the defendant, who did not appear, for the payment of 1/. a month

A Wife's Liability.

In the City of London Court, on December 15, before Mr. Commissioner Kerr, Messrs. Deutschmann & Co., druggists sundriesmen, 101 Leadenhall Street, E.C., sought to recover 71.3s 10d. for essences, perfumes, gelatine, &c., supplied to

Mr. C. Meacham, 22 St. Peter's Road, Great Yarmouth. The case had been before the Court on a previous occasion, when Mr. Commissioner Kerr made an order that the defendant's wife should be added as a co-defendant. This had not been done by the plaintiffs.

The defendant's wife said the goods were supplied to her, the business being her property. Since 1891 she had been carrying on the business, owing to her husband's bankruptcy. The plaintiffs' traveller who took the order said he sold the goods to the defendant, and not to his wife. Mrs. Meacham contradicted this.

Mr. Commissioner Kerr said the goods were evidently supplied to the defendant's wife. He had told the plaintiffs to add her as a co-defendant, so that he might get at the truth, and give judgment against the right person. As the plaintiffs had not done that, he must find for the defendant. The plaintiffs could bring another action against the wife, and in that way get their money.

Judgment was accordingly entered for the defendant.

WILLS.

SIR ANDREW CLARK, BART., M.D. has left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at 203,969/. He bequeaths to his wife the whole household furniture, books, pictures, plate, and effects in both his London and country houses, together with the interest on 20 000/., and the use of the estate of Camfield during her life. At her death the estate is given to his second son, Mr. Andrew Gladstone Clark. The trustees are directed to appropriate the sum of 80,000/. as an endowment for the baronetcy, now held by his son by his first marriage, Surgeon Colonel Sir James Clark, and to hold the residue of the estate upon trusts for the benefit of the testator's remaining children other than the baronet.

The will, dated February 11, 1892, of the late Mr. William Kilner, of 16 Alexandra Villas, Finsbury Park, N., glass-bottle manufacturer, has been proved by Mr. George William Kilner, Mr. Jas. Richard Kilner, and Mr. Frederick Kilner, sons and executors of the testator (who died on August 17 last). The gross value of the personalty amounted to 90,2331. 13s. 10d., and the net value to 89,8141. 16s. 7d. The testator leaves to his widow the use of his house and furniture and the interest upon 10,0001, and 60 volumes of his books. He bequeaths immediate legacies of 2001. to his widow and to his children John Caleb, Arthur Piercy, and Mary Alice, and leaves the residue of his library among his children equally. To his daughter Mary Alice the testator bequeaths 10,0001, and to his sons John Caleb and Arthur Piercy 14,0001 each, to be paid in twenty half-yearly instalments. The residue of his property he leaves to his sons George William, James Richard, and Frederick.

MR. JOHN MAY, of Hyde House, Old Battersea, of the firm of Messrs. May & Baker, manufacturing chemists, Battersea, who died on November 7, 1893, has left gross personalty to the value of 26,018½. 5s. 3½, the net amount upon which the probate-duty is levied being 25,940½. 9s. 5½. By his will, dated January 31, 1891, which has just been proved at the Principal Registry, the testator appoints his nephew Captain John Rolfe Nelson Moss, of the Royal Navy, and his friend Mr. W. E. B. Blenkinsop, manufacturing chemist, of Battersea, his executors and trustees. The testator expresses a desire to be buried at Plymouth with his niece Caroline Moss. He recites that, being possessed of considerable personal property, he desires his executors to realise it and to pay legacies of 4,000½ to his said nephew, Captain J. R. N. Moss, 3,000½, each to his nephew Captain John Aylen, R.N., his niece Miss Eliza Moss, and his niece Minnie, the wife of the Rev. W. Addison, and 3,000½ for the benefit of the children of his nephew Clarence Aylen, which bequest is to take precedence of other legacies. The testator bequeaths 25½ each to his late partner, Mr. Baker, and to Mr. Tyrer, and legacies to various relations and servants. The residue of his estate the testator leaves to his nephew Captain John R. Nelson Moss. By a codicil dated November 4 last the testator appoints Mr. Henry Haynes, of 26 Portsdown Road, Paddington, executor and trustec in place of Mr. W. E. B. Elenkinsop.



A WALK through West-end streets any afternoon at this season is a liberal education. Business for a long time—that is, since the Royal marriage—has been at a very low ebb. Now the advent of Christmas is cheering things up a bit, and although Bond Street is not overcrowded it is sufficiently bright and gay to warrant a stroll there. When I came to Messrs. Roberts & Co.'s pharmacy the evidence of brisk business within and without sufficed to keep me outside. I managed to shake hands with Mr. Pearce, of Messrs. KEENE & ASHWELL, who told me that the wholesale trade is in a healthy condition. As to the retail, well, I thought that if I could pass an afternoon in this homocopathic pharmacy I would soon know how many of the aristocrats are homeopaths, for during the brief chat with Mr. Pearce about halfa-dozen footmen dropped in, and at least one noble lady in her carriage had to be attended to. On the west corner of Brook Street and Bond Street

Ross & Co., THE OPTICIANS,

have erected a very handsome building, two floors of which they occupy for business purposes. There are windows to both streets, and the shop is as handsome a one as there is in that elegant quarter. I had the privilege of seeing the first of a new students microscope which the firm are putting on the market. It is called the "Eclipse," and may be said to be the outcome of a demand created by the Chicago Exhibition, for orders for an educational instrument came from World's Fair visitors, and the first dozen will be despatched to the United States. The photographic craze has put microscopy very much in the background of recent years. Formerly the microscope was a popular hobby amongst scientific amateurs, and there was a good demand for high-class instruments. That has nearly all gone now, and the money that was spent on microscopes is spent on cameras and lenses. Educational institutions are the principal customers for microscopes, and the "Eclipse" has been constructed to meet the demand by them. Messrs. Ross & Co. have for years been devoting the greater part of their works to the production of photographic lenses and apparatus, and they have reached a degree of perfection which is creditable to English art. In the manufacture of lenses they go upon strictly scientific lines, and if any finished lens does not conform exactly with the mathematical formula of its class it is destroyed,

" No. 4711."

The number which is becoming so familiar in England attracted me into the Bond Street eaude Cologne shop (No. 62) to ask Mr. Reuter how FREDK. MUHLENS' goods are taking with us "Splendidly," was the laconic yet emphatic response, and Mr. Reuter backed it up with some telling figures of accounts opened and business done. "Of course," he said, "we cannot pretend to satisfy those who want low quality and low-priced cau de Cologne and perfumes, but chemists who have a good class of customers increase their orders every time. Mr. — commenced with two dozen; our last account with him was about 60l." Mr. Reuter stated further that Mr. Mühlens' soaps are taking well, and he handed me for inspection a box of rose soap of the "Natural Flower" series—a delicious and pure soap of delightful odour. At the beginning of the year he will be introducing to the English market a series of cheap toilet-soaps, free from cocoanut oil or any other objectionable iats, and practically neutral. The shapes of the samples which I saw were pretty and novel—in fact, I have not seen them before except in high-priced soaps. They will be supplied in three-dozen boxes,

with or without the name of the retailer, and on an order for 10 cwt, no charge is made for the die. The scaps are made in Germany, but they are stamped "Manufactured in Cologne," which is as good as a recommendation, yet complies with the requirements of the Merchandise Marks Act. Although it is past the eleventh hour for Christmas trade, I may mention a neat yet simple way of doing up eau de Cologne which I noticed. It is to wrap a half-dozen case in white demy, and tie it round with pink or blue silk ribbon $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide. Mr. Reuter slips in a coloured cabinet photo—a Swiss girl—as a souvenir, which adds to the attraction, but the white demy and silk ribbon finish off the case excellently.

OLEUM RUSCI AND RUSSIA LEATHER.

Passing along Conduit Street, I dropped into Godfrey & COOKE's pharmacy, now owned by Mr. Thomas Greenish, who was an assistant in the same shop nearly half-a-century ago. There is such a craze nowadays for Russia-leather goods that I thought Mr. Greenish might be able to tell me something about the famous tar, oleum rusci, the use of which as a currying-oil gives the peculiar odour to real Russia leather. In these degenerate days there is very little Russia leather that is real. Most of it never formed the integument of the horse, or saw Russia, but is kid or calfskin, scented with the cssential oil distilled from oleum rusci. There is a demand for a scent which will give the Russia-leather odour to kid gloves, and for this purpose Mr. Greenish suggests that the oleum rusci should be mixed with the French chalk used for dusting the gloves. This he finds works very well. Mr. Greenish was the first to bring oleum rusci to this country. When he attended the International Congress at St. Petersburg he got a pound of it from a pharmacist who came from the interior of Russia. He brought it under the notice of dermatologists whom he knows here, and it has been found an excellent remedy for certain skin-diseases. At first it was feared that the Russian Government would prohibit the export of the tar, but Mr. Greenish has never found difficulty in that direction, although the quantities he has required have gone on increasing. There are many kinds of things sold as oleum rusei, but I am not aware of any which is the real thing for skin-diseases except the thick greenish-like tar which Mr. Greenish imports. The limpid brownish liquids more resemble wood-tar oil than the birchtar so well known in Russia.

PARISIAN VAPORISER.

Nearer the hum of Regent Street the FRENCH HYGIENIC SOCIETY have their premises (6 Conduit Street), and there ${\bf I}$

entered to inspect one of the means used by beautiful women for preserving their complexions. This is the patent steam atomiser, a pretty nickel-plated vessel, containing a boiler, spirit-lamp, and spray-producer. A beakerful of water is put



into the boiler, the top put on, and the beaker containing eau de lis, or other preparation, is hung on as shown, and when the water comes to the boil the steam carries with it a spray of eau de lis, the mixture having a pleasant temperature and delicious effect upon the skin. The atomiser may be used for medical purposes also, or for spraying perfume, but it is as a complexion-preserver that it is chiefly used. Fifteen minutes use at bedtime, twice a week, is the prescription for keeping the skin soft and warding off wrinkles.

THE UNIVERSAL CASH-REGISTER COMPANY (LIMITED),

of 11 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, E.C., are putting upon the market two cash-registers of different types. The "Champion" machine is represented in the figure as it stands while an entry is being made. In making such entry the vendor or assistant turns the dial (which moves on a pivot about the centre of the upright column) round to face him. Having entered the amount in the space to the left of the dial, he releases the machine, which automatically swings back into its forme

position facing the purchaser, this latter movement also causing the recorded amount to pass under the glass which covers the greater part of the before-mentioned space, making it impossible of alteration. The machine occupies



only 9 square inches of counter-space, and will record 75 entries before requiring a new entry-sheet. In the "Invincible" machine, a separate chamber is provided for each coin of the realm, and being placed on the counter in front of the purchaser the amount paid can at once be checked. The customer sees only the amount of his particular purchase as the shopman must, between the receipts of money,



press the stop at the back of the register, which empties all the chambers into the cash-drawer below. The small counterspace which the machines occupy will no doubt appeal to chemists. Both machines are manufactured by Avery & Co. (Limited.)

This company are also making what they designate as an "Exhibiting Column." This is for the purpose of showing goods in pyramid or column style, and may be used for window, counter, shop, or outdoor display. The model column is made with a circular base, from which springs a centre rod fitted with movable wooden discs which can be raised or lowered to the height of the bottle or article to be

shown. When the first set of articles is placed round the base one of these discs is fitted on, thus locking them together, and at the same time providing a platform for the second stage, and so on to any height, the whole being surmounted by a simple screw arrangement which locks the exhibit together so firmly that it can be moved about like an ordinary showcase.

FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH.

About the month of October, when, as a French poet remarks,

Cybèle a clos ses amours de l'année,

a number of representative French essential-oil distillers are in the habit of paying a visit to this country, which, in spite of its many shortcomings, is appreciated by the foreigner as one of the best markets in the world for the sale of his goods. With one of these gentlemen—M. Andrioli, of the

firm of Sozio & Andrioli, of Grasse—our Town Traveller recently had an interesting chat. M. Andrioli is an Italian by birth and a trained pharmacist. He has exercised the pharmaceutical craft in his native country and in Germany, speaks half-a-dozen languages with remarkable fluency, and (since he became Mr. Sozio's partner in the essential-oil business) has travelled over half the world selling the firm's essences and pommades.

"The present year has been a very good one for lavender in the South," said M. Andrioli, "but a middling one only for rosemary and thyme. In our district the plants have yielded a smaller percentage of essential oil than usual, but the quality has been very fine. Geraniums have given a very good crop, but pennyroyal has been a failure."

"Is the essential-oil industry still extending in the South of France?"

"Very largely, indeed. I should think that within the last ten years alone the area under cultivation for essential oils in France has trebled, and that in spite of the fact that in Algeria, in Spain, and in some other parts the industry has also made great progress. The geranium-culture, however, which was the chief occupation of the Algerian distillers, is becoming less and less important in that colony every year, chiefly because the production of the island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean has taken away many customers from Algeria. But Réunion in its turn is beginning to abandon the culture, as it has ceased to pay. The French geranium oil, however, is far and away the best, and, so far as really highclass trade is concerned, neither Algeria nor Réunion can do us much barm. In Spain, by the way, the cultivation of essential-oil plants has become an industry of some importance lately. As you know, a large number of fragrant oil yielding herbs grow wild on the plateau of Southern Spain, those bleak regions which Doré drew so well; but their oil is not available, as the districts where they grow are almost uninhabited, and it would not pay to carry portable stills to the distilling-grounds as we do in the French Alps. But even in our own country quite a third part of the wild lavender and thyme are never distilled because they grow on hills that are almost inaccessible. Pennyroyal, peppermint, lavender, and geranium, however, have been cultivated to some extent in the south and east of Spain lately. Spanish geranium oil ranks next to French, which is largely used by soapmakers, usually mixed with patchouly and clove oil, to-bring out the odour. The cultivation of wormwood, of which the oil is used in absinthe-making, is declining very considerably. Formerly wormwood oil was in great demand in Holland and Germany, where it was used as an ingredient in some popular bitters, but of late those customers have bought from us much less than before.

"Who was the originator of the French essential-oil in-

"I have forgotten his name," said M. Andrioli, "but he was a countryman of mine, from Florence, and he settled in France in 1640—at least, that is the year when his product—orange-flower water—was first brought into trade; and for many years that water was the only perfume made. Beaucaire Fair was the chief mart for the perfume, and you can form some idea of the importance of the industry when I tell you that even in its early days from 400 to 500 coppers were annually brought for sale here and sold to the last piece. After that came pommade-making, the pommades being put up in 1-62, and 2-62, pots and used in the ratmar state. The English were the first to use these pommades (which were then made by simply mixing up oil and grease in a box), and the present state of advancement of the industry only dates from forty to fifty years back."

SIR WILFRID LAWSON tells a new story about a quack doctor. This practitioner, he says, had perfected a process for washing people's brains, taking them out from the skull and returning them, "while you wait." One day a brain was being washed in the back shop, and when the doctor brought it back, cleaned, to refit, he found to his dismay that the customer had departed. A few days later he met him in the street. "Ah, my dear fellow," he said, "I am so glad to have found you. Do you know you went away the other day without your brains?" "Oh did I; well, it's of no consequence; since I saw you I have got a Government appointment."

* REVIEWS *

Sciatic Neuritis. By ROBERT SIMPSON, L.R.C.P., &c. Bristol: John Wright & Co.

This is a book about sciatia, here dignified into sciatic meuritis. Why? Sciatica is a good name—sanctioned by its use in the classics of medicine, convenient, euphonious, and everywhere understood. No doubt a change of name is sometimes necessary, but in these days, when scientific nomenclature has grown to such appalling dimensions, any useless reduplication of terms is little less than an unpardonable sin. The author deals chiefly with the pathology and treatment of the disease. He assumes—as, indeed, do most recent writers on the subject—that the symptoms arise from an inflammation of the nerve. That this is always so we cannot admit to be fully proved. Indeed, there are facts which point quite in the opposite direction. The paralysis, for example, which occurs where nerves are really inflamed is never or almost never seen in sciatica.

In regard to the treatment the author's main object is to advocate the use of massage, and here we are heartily at one with him. Whether the massage produces its effects by promoting the flow of blood and clearing away effete material or by some other method we do not know, but we do know from experience that when skilfully and systematically applied it produces most favourable results. This also has been the author's experience, and what he has to say about the method and its results is worth the attention of those who are interested in the cure of this troublesome complaint.

Modern Household Medicine. A Guide to the Mode of Recognition and the Rational Treatment of Diseases and Emergencies Incidental to Daily Life. By Charles Robert Fleury, M.D. Third Edition. London, 1893: E. Gould & Son. 8vo. Pp. xvi. + 712.

If there is anything that homocopaths are fairly entitled to, it is credit for beating allopaths in the production of useful books on household medicine. The volume before us is one of many which living homecopathic physicians-leaders in that cult—have written; but when we turn to allopathy we can find no one of eminence who has spontaneously ventured to write for the benefit of the public such a manual as Dr. Fleury's. Dr. Warburton Begbie did some-thing of the kind, but so strong is the prejudice in the allopathic school against popularising medicine that his work was anonymous while he lived; and although it has not been revised since his death, it remains an exceedingly popular book. Apart from it, popular medical books are the outcome of publishing enterprise rather than medical willingness, and we suppose this condition will continue while the medical profession is tied down by antiquated notions of what is proper in the way of publicity. All this, however, is apart from Dr. Fleury's book. In all respects except treatment—and that we must consider debatable—it is an excellent manual, giving just those particulars regarding diseases which people want to know, and there are in it many useful chapters comprising general information, directions as to dietary, &c. We cannot, however, agree as to the wisdom of including such things as venereal affections in a book of domestic medicine.

Syphilis. By EDWARD COTTERELL, F.R.C.S., &c. London: John Bale & Sons.

This is a dainty little volume got up in a style that would by no means disgrace one of the "minor poets," and on opening the covers it is with almost a shock that one finds the title "Syphilis: Its Treatment by Intramuscular Injections of Soluble Mercurial Salts." But the subject, although far removed from the poetic muse is none the less interesting, and certainly it is of great practical importance.

Syphilis is of all diseases one of the easiest to treat, also it is one of the most difficult. It is easy because in mercury we have a true specific which neutralises and eventually destroys the virus of the disease. It is difficult because the virus cannot be completely eradicated from the system with

out a thorough and prolonged course of the drug, and while on the one hand it is almost impossible to get some patients to continue month after month taking their regular daily doses, others from some unexplained constitutional peculiarity, are in constant danger of becoming supersaturated and mercurialism follows with its disagreeable and sometimes even disastrous results.

Mr. Cotterell claims that both of these dangers can be avoided by the intramuscular method of administration. Regularity of dose is secured because the matter is not left to the patient and to chance, but the doctor himself makes the injection once a week. Further, when given in this way, a much smaller quantity of the drug produces the desired effect, and thus there is less danger of supersaturation and mercurialism.

The preparation recommended as the safest and most efficient is the soziodol of mercury, which may be obtained from Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co. in the form of hypodermic tabloids. The results, in Mr. Cotterell's hands, so far seem to have being highly satisfactory, but for those and the various details and necessary precautions in carrying out the treatment, we must refer the reader to the book itself.

Rules for the Estimation of Alcohol in Imported Spirits, with Tables giving the Specific Gravity of Alcohol from 984 to 936. Computed to the Third Place of Decimals. By C. J. H. WARDEN, M.D., Chemical Examiner to the Government of Bengal. Calcutta, 1892: Bengal Secretariat Press. Large 8vo. 414 pp. 10r.

In a temperate climate, such as we live in, the analyst must stretch his imagination before he can realise the difficulties which beset his brother-analyst in such a climate as India, where a temperature of 85° to 90° and a highly humid air are about the normal conditions. Under such circumstances the estimation of alcohol becomes one of the most ticklish things possible. It is necessary to make measurements at 60° F., but as soon as a specific-gravity bottle and its contents are brought to that temperature and removed into the air atmospheric moisture begins to condense upon the bottle, the contents expand, and the whole operation is practically vitiated. Dr. Warden has overcome that difficulty, and explains his whole process of alcoholic estimation in the brief preface and "rules" which precede the lengthy tables which make up this book. The book is intended for the use of the Bengal Revenue chemists who deal with imported spirits or spirituous liquids.

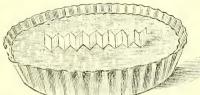
The method of estimation consists in taking 100 c.c. of the liquid, placing this in a copper flask, and washing out the measuring-flask twice with 100 c.c. of water each time. The washings go into the distilling-flask. The distilling arrangement has been designed by Dr. Warden. It enables five samples to be worked at one time, so that there are five flasks and five worms, the latter being enclosed in a single water-trough. Before the sample is measured it is cooled in the condensing water, and the distillate is measured at the same temperature—that of iced water. Two hundred c.c. is distilled from the mixture in the flask, and a 100 c.c. sp. gr. bottle is filled with the distillatc. This bottle is designed by Dr. Warden, being provided with a cap having a capillary hole at the top for the escape of air, but so well fitted to the shoulder of the bottle that the dilute alcohol as it escapes from the stopper-orifice is caught, and thus the weighing becomes independent of temperature since the measurement is made at 60° F.

The alcohol specific-gravity tables extend to 409 pages, and give the U.P. and O.P. percentages represented by the distillates between '984999 and '93616. It follows that, as the distillates contain the alcohol of 100 c.c. of the sample in 200 c.c., the alcoholic percentages are actually double what the specific gravities represent. Although this is explained in the preface the title-page is not strictly correct. However, the tables are intended for the Revenuc chemists, and this way of putting it is best for them. We must congratulate the author on the completion of what must have been a herculean task, but the fact that the tables are the fullest existing is a "feather in his cap" which he is not likely to be called upon to hand over to another. It may be explained that the tables represent 49,000 distinct calculations. We have compared a selection of the factors with other alcohol tables and find them to agree.

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Editorial Comments.

COMPANY PHARMACY.

THE correspondence which has been raging (to put it literally) in this journal during the last month on the conduct of pharmaceutical businesses by unqualified companies has not, so far as we can see, produced many valuable suggestions, and we propose now to bring it to a conclusion. It arose out of the report of a company which had been extending its field of operations in a somewhat alarming manner. We cannot help regarding as a serious omen the extension of this system of business, associated as it must be in the long run with the extinction of individual pharmacies. Nor can we decline to sympathise with those chemists and druggists who find themselves suddenly confronted with a form of competition which from their point of view seems hardly fair. But we do not see that any possible good can result from the recriminatory letters we have published except in so far as they may make the writers, and those whose views they represent, feel better.

The most interesting letter in the series was undoubtedly the one from Mr. Jesse Boot, which we published on November 25. To that gentleman, who has happened to be the scapegoat on the present occasion, we think some sort of apology is due. Our own comments, at least, though based on the report of Messrs. Boots (Limited), were directed against the system which that firm represents, and against the system only. We have no reason to doubt Mr. Boot's claim that his businesses are conducted with conscientious care for the public, and with liberality and consideration towards the

staff. As far as we know, too, his company obeys the law as it has been interpreted. Moreover, we may remark, in passing, what is of course sufficiently obvious, that the assumption made by some critics—that a dividend-earning company can do with much smaller aggregate profits than an ordinary tradesman—is not a sound one. The company has to earn for each shop sufficient to support its qualified manager, and something to meet company expenses and to yield a dividend besides.

But Mr. Boot docs not challenge our general assertion that the success of company pharmacy means the ruin of pharmacy as a profession if it should widely extend. He seems, indeed, to accept that view. But he says our alarm is visionary. His twenty-nine shops have required ten years to establish, and anyone who has practical acquaintance with the supervision and capital necessary to equip and stock these shops must realise how impossible is anything like a universal development of the system. There is much force in this reply, but it seems to us that what is possible to Mr. Boot in the Midlands is possible to a score or a hundred other companies in the north, the south, the east, and the west. And there is, of course, no guarantee that other companies will insist on such strict conditions as we are informed prevail in his establishments as regards quality. Mr. Boot also replies with a tu quoque. The Pharmacy Act, he says, permitted a Liverpool chemist to establish nearly a score of shops, and when he died permitted his unqualified executors to continue to carry them on. This is true, but the cases are not quite parallel. We are not hearty advocates of branch shops in any case, but so long as the responsible owner is a qualified pharmacist the objection does not arise as it does in the case of a company of owners composed, presided over, and directed, it may be, by men without any shadow of acquaintance with pharmacy. The statutory concession to executors is not at all similar to the "casus omissus" of companies. It is a right and reasonable means of protecting a fairly earned property against what would be in many instances a cruel legal confiscation, and it does not involve, as company rights do, a perpetuation of unqualified ownership.

We are charged by some correspondents with not having suggested a remedy for the evil which we assailed. We have been urging the only possible remedy ever since the House of Lords decided that companies were not struck at in the 15th section of the Pharmacy Act fifteen years ago As Bill after Bill has been drafted by the Pharmaceutical Council for the amendment of the Act, we have urged that a clause should be included, whatever else was omitted requiring that the law should apply to companies as well as to persons. The difficulty can be met in no other conceivable manner. Proposed federations of chemists which are to terrify Parliament by their combined determination are a little ridiculous; appeals assistants to refuse to serve the Baal of pharmacy are as unheroic as they are unreasonable; and attempts to coerce assistants by calling upon the authorities to strike their names off the register are not only hopelessly unrealisable, but if they were not would be so unrighteous that we do not care to discuss them seriously. The fifteen years of delay have no doubt rendered any chance of legislative amendment much more difficult than it might have been, but that period of incubation seems to have been necessary for the idea to have got itself hatched at Bloomsbury. Perhaps the demonstration in this journal may have quickened the process somewhat; anyway, we read in the Pharmaceutical Journal a fortnight after our previous article under this title an editorial statement announcing that "the system of company trading is extending so rapidly, to the

detriment of registered chemists and druggists," and an announcement that "a representation of the case recently made to a prominent member of the House of Commons has elicited from him an expression of opinion that the system referred to should be put an end to, and an assurance that he will favourably consider any practical proposal submitted to him for securing that object." To which hopeful but somewhat indefinite announcement was of course appended the usual appeal for guineas.

THE CENTRAL PRICE OF QUININE.

The natural price is, at it were, the central price to which the prices of all commodities are continually gravitating. Different accidents may sometimes keep them suspended a good deal above it, and sometimes force them down even somewhat below it. But whatever may be the obstacles which hinder them from settling in this centre of repose and continuance, they are constantly tending towards it.

ADAM SMITH, -" Wealth of Nations," Book I., ch. 7.

In the excellent letter from Baron von Rosenberg, the Indian cinchona-planter, which we published a few weeks ago, many weighty reasons were given why cinchona-bark ought to rise considerably in price within the near future. And the reports which have since been received from Java, now the key of the bark-position, go a long way to confirm the belief that during the coming year there may be a considerable decline in the cinchona-exports from that island. Other factors which will make for higher prices of the chief cinchona product are the admittedly large decrease in the London bark-stocks, which have fallen from 49.502 bales of all kinds on December 1, 1892, to 39,654 bales on the 1st of this month, and the supposed, but unascertainable reduction in the supply of second-hand quinine existing in this metropolis and other centres of the trade. We have often been reproached with manifesting in this journal arundue partiality for what are called "bear" arguments, and with laying too much weight upon indications of approaching falls in price. Supposing—what we do not altogether denythat such a tendency has really found expression in these columns, the cavillers might be answered with the words that if they wish for facts in justification of these alleged views, they only need to look around them and compare the prices of the leading drugs now and, say, ten years ago. So far as quinine is concerned, our often-expressed disbeliaf in any prolonged improvement in the market so long as the notoriously existing eauses of over-supply were not removed has certainly been justified by events, but we fully recognise that in the course of the year which is now closing the conditions favouring lower prices have undergone considerable modifications. We will go further, and express our belief that if the information upon which we must base our views can be depended upon (and unless systematic speculation should depress prices unduly), the era of quinine at 9d. per oz. and less may be regarded as closed, and we shall probably shortly arrive at a time when 1s. or thereabouts will be the normal axis round which, with a short radius, prices willrevolve.

We base these views upon indications revealed by a general and careful survey of the cinchona and quininc markets, and not, we hasten to add, upon the speculative movement which, in the course of the last fortnight, has caused quinine to advance from $9\frac{1}{2}d$. to about $10\frac{3}{4}d$. per oz. These sudden eruptions of blotchy speculation threaten to become chronic about Christmas-time, and they really deserve no encouragement from dealers who are anxious to see a steady, constant improvement in the market, such as the present state of bark-production and quinine-consumption appears to warrant. The circumstance that some firm or

another ostentatiously buys one or two hundred thousand ounces of quinine, not because it is actually required by consumers, but simply because it is thought advisable to give a fillip to the market, cannot improve the commercial position of the drug in the long run, inasmuch as it simply transfers to speculator B what was previously held by speculator A. The mere speculator, it is well to remember, is equally the enemy of the manufacturer and of the consumer. Like the "menial servant" upon whom Adam Smith is so severe, his services to the community, such as they are, perish in the very instant of their performance, and seldom leave any trace or value behind them.

Looking simply at what happened during the closing months of the last four years, we shall find that on each occasion the quinine-market began to show a sudden revival shortly before the Christmas holidays, and that the excitement generally lasted until the New Year's business had fairly commenced, only to evanesce like the oft-quoted baseless fabric of a vision, about the middle of the first month. Thus:—

In December, 1889, quinine rose rapidly from $13\frac{1}{2}d$. to $14\frac{1}{4}d$. per oz., and to $15\frac{1}{4}d$. per oz. in January, 1890, after which it began to decline.

In December, 1890, quinine closed firmly, at 12d. Early in January, 1891, it rose to $12\frac{3}{4}d$. per oz., after which it began to decline.

In December, 1891, quinine rose from $8\frac{3}{4}d$, to 9d., and in January, 1892, to $9\frac{1}{4}d$., after which it began to decline.

In December, 1892, quinine rose from $9\frac{1}{3}d$. to $9\frac{5}{3}d$. per oz., and in January, 1893, to $9\frac{9}{16}d$. per oz., after which it began to decline

On none of these occasions, it is well to observe, was there any backbone in the article. Combination-rumours, influenza, sometimes the merc idea that the drug was cheap, were the guiding motives of the speculators, and in each case the movement ended in leaving consumers generally more distrustful of the drug than ever. It is only fair to state, however, that a not inconsiderable proportion of the sales which have been made this month are said to have been made to wholesale druggists and other bona-fide consumers.

A RETROSPECT AT QUININE.

In the preceding article we have pointed out that quinine and, for the matter of that, cinchona-bark, are in an economic position which justifies a rise in prices apart from all merely speculative market-rigging. We are, in fact, firmly of opinion that at the present time there exists a strong undercurrent in the quinine market making for higher prices, and that, as soon as the frothy surface-wash of speculation has subsided, that undercurrent will begin to make itself distinctly felt. We have already roughly enumerated some of the causes that lead us to expect a gradual improvement in the drug, and we may perhaps add another, which may possibly count for a good deal. It is the tacit, if not actually written, understanding to refrain from cutting which has for some time existed among the German quinine-manufacturers. Since it has been concluded the market has been singularly devoid of excitement, and it is questionable whether the "understanding" would bear the strain of any sudden manifestation of rash speculation, such as may very conceivably await us next year. But if the quinine makers abstain from playing at cross-purposes they can do very much to increase the stability of the market, and in the present disorganised condition of the cinchona-growing industry they can make their weapon cut both ways by keeping quinine-prices up and the bark-unit down. Appearances certainly favour the

expectation that 1894 may be the most interesting year in the quinine-market since 1884.

The great majority of wholesale druggists, brokers, and shippers will certainly be only too glad to turn their backs for ever upon cheap quinine. There is scarcely a man among them who has not had cause to regret having touched the drug in the way of business for the last ten years. It is to be hoped that those who, after waiting with a patience worthy of a better cause, have ere now ridded themselves of their stock at a sacrifice will have learned wisdom by experience, while those who have clung to their costly holdings throughout the evil time may now love them the more for the dangers they have passed, and rejoice in the possible advent of a time when they shall be able to sell them with a better prospect of a fair return. We are afraid that these speculators will hardly be able to find cause for loving us that we did pity them, for had they taken this journal's advice to heart earlier, they would not now be holders of expensive stock at all.

The bark-growers too, or such of them as have weathered the storm, and who have tasted that bitterest of all sorrows of remembering earlier happy times during later years of misery, will again feel hope rise high within them when within the near future they hear, as possibly they may, of steadily-rising units and contemplate the increasing store of wealth accumulating in the dermis of their Ledgerianas and Officinalis.

How far removed does not the time appear when all the drug-world wondered whether quinine could possibly fall as low as 5s. per oz.? And yet it is only ten short years ago since that dreaded cataclysm befell the drug-trade. January 24, 1884, after the breakdown of the short-lived notorious "combination" 10,000 oz. of Zimmer's quinine were sold "without reserve" by public sale in Mincing Lane at 5s. to 5s. 3d. per oz., a decline of 2s. per oz. from the quotation of December, 1883. A twelvemonth later, at the end of 1883, second-hand German bulk quinine, which had then already become the bogey of the market, might be bought at 3s. 8d. per oz. and since then, with scarcely a rally the quinine-prices have sunk lower and lower. Until 1883 and 1884, those comet-years of the quinine-trade, an occasional drop or rise of a shilling per oz. or so was regarded with comparative equanimity. It is true that it was on record that once—in 1864, we believe—quinine had sold at as low a figure as 4s per oz., but it was hardly expected that so low a price would ever return. When in 1886 half-crown quinine became a horrible reality, and still more so, when afterwards, in the same year, 1s. 10d. per oz. was momentarily quoted, the trade generally began to think that rock-bottom had been touched, and it is a curious and instructive pastime to re-read some of the circulars issued at that period by firms who demonstrated with the utmost vigour, and staked their reputation upon the correctness of their opinion, that the process of deprecation could no further go. Nevertheless, in November, 1887, 1s. 3d. per oz. was accepted in the wholesale market, and in the drug auctions of May 16, 1889, "shilling quinine" became an historical fact. Nay, the descent into Avernus continued until this spring, when a parcel offered at auction in London only realised $8\frac{5}{8}d$. per oz. Those who "assisted" at that sale may perhaps carry about with them for the rest of their lives, or at any rate until the advent of artificial quinine, the proud remembrance that they witnessed the lowest quotations on record in the history of the article.

POISONOUS PATENT MEDICINES.

A medicinal compound for the cure of cholera, dysentery, diarrhea, and similar complaints is made by mixing together,

in equal proportions, sal volatile, peppermint, spirit of camphor, and laudanum. M. Rendell, 33 Warwick Road, Earl's Court, London, has succeeded in getting English letters patent for the mixture (13,922 July 30, 1892). We must, therefore, add this to the list of poisonous patent medicines, unless the Pharmaceutical Societies take action at once to have the letters patent annulled. There appears to be just ground for such action, for the above mixture has long been used as a medicine for the purposes described.

PHARMACOPŒIAL LATIN TITLES.

Professor Attfield's note on the U. S. P. Latin titles is followed up in the American Druggist by a brisk commentary from leading pharmacists, such as Dr. Charles Rice, Professor Coblentz, Mr. Albert B. Taylor, Mr. Hallberg and Professor S. P. Sadtler. All agree that magnesii sulphas is not correctly rendered by "magnesium sulphate," but it was not intended to be, and none of the commentators appear to like "magnesium sulphuricum" as a title. Dr. Rice considers that "magnesicus sulphas" would be the proper thing if it becomes desirable to make the basylous portion of the salt adjectival. All are agreed that latin titles should not be abolished.

POISONS IN INDIA.

Indian Medical Journals continue to advocate strongly restriction on the sale of poisons there. It is considered that the restriction should be of the most stringent character, and one journal suggests that there should be a special commissioner. One reason for this suggestion is that there is in India a class of criminal-poisoners called Daturiahs, who pursue their infamous trade of robbery, often resulting in murder, in villages and towns, on railways, and even in Calcutta. They have acquired their name by using the datura plant as their agent. These criminals generally attach themselves to travellers and become very social, and then by means of sweetmeats, or other eatables, administer the drug. They are careless regarding the dose, and sometimes their victims never awake from their stupor. Such a high authority as Dr. Chevers has stated that since the suppression of Thuggee the crime of poisoning has increased greatly, and is prevalent in all three presidencies of India.

BUFFALO FOR THE BUFFALOES.

A Toronto paper tells the following story. Messrs, Kellar & Deuchler, druggists, 761 Seneca Street, Buffalo, U.S., engaged for their business an assistant named Ellson Feir, who was living, at the time he was engaged, at Lindsay, Ontario. After Mr. Feir had been at work in his situation a short time, a deputation of Buffalo drug-assistants called on the inspector of police and stated the circumstances. The inspector called at the pharmacy and questioned Mr. Feir, and ascertained that he had been engaged while he resided out of the country. His services were imported, in fact. If he had visited Buffalo and Messrs. Keller & Deuchler had engaged him there, as we understand, no offence would have been committed. But as it was, the law relating to importing labour into the United States had been infringed, and the inspector had to vindicate it. He told Keller & Deuchler they must pay Mr. Feir his salary up to that day, and he must see him back to Canada. The employers did as they were told, and requested that as they had acted in ignorance of the law they might not be prosecuted for their crime. Mr. Feir recrossed the river, and is informed that he cannot be re-employed by the firm inside of five years—that is, until he may become an American citizen. We record this little history here as a tribute of respect to the United States labour law, and especially with a view of honouring those Buffalo drug-clerks whose generous vigilance ensured its nforcement.

MORE NEW REMEDIES.

In our last notes we mentioned "migranin," a new substance proposed as a remedy for sick-headache and neuralgia, which is said to be a double citrate of antipyrin and caffeine. An analogue to this, in looseness of constitution at least, has also been introduced under the name of

Antirheumatin.

This body is a salicylate of sodium and methylene blue, and occurs in dark blue prismatic crystals, soluble in water and spirit, and having a slightly bitter taste. As its name implies, it is used in the treatment of acute rheumatism, the dose being small—namely, $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{20}$ grain in pill every two or three hours. It colours the urine green owing to oxidation of the methylene blue in passing through the body. Another remedy for the same disorder is

Tetraethylammonium Hydroxide.

It can be made by treating triethylamine with ethyl iodide; union results, and on treatment with silver oxide and water the iodine is replaced by OH, the resulting compound being $(C_2H_5)_4$,NOH. It is crystalline, bitter and caustic to taste, strongly alkaline, and closely resembling ammonia, absorbing CO_2 from the air, and splitting up into triethylamine, ethylene, and water. It has been given in Germany in 8 to 15 minim doses of a 10-per-cent. solution, three or four times a day, or in 8-minim doses of 1-per-cent. solution hypodermically. The results are considered satisfactory.

Trikresol.

This is an antiseptic introduced by Schering's, of Berlin, to take the place of carbolic acid. It is a mixture of the three crosols found in coal-tar—viz., the meta, para, and ortho cresols—and has the advantage over carbolic acid of being non-toxic, and is superior to other cresol compounds in being soluble in cold water. Trikresol is synthetically prepared. According to Professor Gruber (*Pharm. Zeit.*), water dissolves from 2·2 to 2·5 per cent. of trikresol; but a 1-per-cent. solution only is required in surgery, that being equal in antiseptic power to a 3-per-cent. carbolic-acid solution. Trikresol is a water-white liquid, having the odour of creosote, and it boils from 183° to 205° C., the fractions being—

below $183^{\circ} = -$ per cent. $183^{\circ} = 4.3^{\circ}$, $185^{\circ} = 4.3^{\circ}$, $185^{\circ} = 5.3^{\circ}$, $190^{\circ} = 5.3^{\circ}$, $195^{\circ} = 5.0^{\circ}$, $195^{\circ} = 34.4^{\circ}$, $195^{\circ} = 34.4^{\circ}$, $195^{\circ} = 34.4^{\circ}$

Carbolic acid boils at 183°, orthocresol at 188°, metacresol at 198°, and paracresol at 201° C. So that there can be little or no carbolic acid in trikresol. The specific gravity of the liquid is 1.042-1.049 at 20° C. It contains 40 per cent. of meta, 35 per cent. of ortho, and 25 per cent. of para cresol.

THE CHEMISTS' AND DRUGGISTS' DIARY.

WE are glad to note that the 1894 DIARY appears to have given general satisfaction. We continue to receive expressions of appreciation from subscribers, and append a selection including some compliments on the journal by renewing subscribers:—

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THE TESTS FOR EUCALYPTUS OIL.
By H, Helbing and Dr. F. W. Passmore.

IN the paper published under the above title in The Chemist and Druggist, December 16, 1293, page 860, Mr. Dott correctly points out that the eucalyptol is the essential constituent of eucalyptus oil. Although we quite agree that it is more or less tedious to freeze out the eucalyptol in the various fractions obtained in the distillation of eucalyptus oil, yet this is the only available method which yields satisfactory results.

To rely on oils of which 50 per cent. distils between 170° C. and 180° C. is of no avail, and to make this point clear we give several instances of oils, all examined by us during 1893, which show that in spite of 50 per cent. of the oils distilling between 170° C. and 178° C. the percentage of orystallisable eucalyp'ol in those fractions was very meagre,

though we add the actual proportions of eucalyptol which the oils were found to contain.

	170°-	-173° €.	173°-	-175° C.	175°-	-178° C.	Total
-	Per Cent. of Oil	Per Cent. of Euca- lyptol	Per Cent. of Oil	Per Cent. of Euca- lyptol	Per Cent. of Oil	Per Cent. of Euca- lyptol	Percentage of Eucalyptol
1 2 3 4 5	9·4 15·7 14·4 28·9 •9		24·6 20·8 18·0 15·0 36·0		22·9 22·6 19·6 16·2 29·1	8·5 — 2·5 —	36·0 31·1 30·1 15·9

But we can also not agree with Mr. Dott's statement that the fractions from 180° to 190° C. do not yield crystallisable eucalyptol when placed in a freezing-mixture.

We never represented that the fraction 170° to 190° C. should be taken as eucalyptol; quite the contrary: all we say is that in a good oil 80 per cent. should distil between 170° and 190° C., and the fractions between 170° and 190° C. should be put into a freezing-mixture in order to ascertain the crystallisable eucalyptol therein. Even when the fractional distillation is cautiously carried out, cucalyptol is scarcely found in any fraction under 175° C., the bulk coming over between 175° and 185° C., whilst the fraction 185° to 190° C. nearly corresponds with the fraction 170° to 175° C. in eucalyptol content.

We can give ample evidence on this point, and append twenty-eight typical analyses, giving the amount of oil and the yield of eucalyptol in the various fractions.

It must not be forgotten that we refractionate the liquid portion left after the eucalyptol has been frozen out, and the total amount of eucalyptol in the table refers to the combined yield of the first and second crystallisations.

Also, in this redistillation, the eucalyptol is contained particularly in the fractions 175° to 185° C., the lower-boiling eucalyptol being always more or less retained in distillation by the higher-boiling constituents of eucalyptus oil, to which we have already referred in a note on the subject contained in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, July 29, page 162.

	170°-173° C. 173°-175° C. 175°-178° C							. 178°–185° C. 185°–190° C.			
	Per Cent. of Oil	Per Cent. of Isnealyptol	Per Cent. of Oil	Per Cent. of Eucalyptol	Per Cent. of Oil	Per Cent. of Eucalyptol	Per Cent. of Oil	Per Cent. of Encalyptol	Per Cent. of Oil	Per Cent. of Eucalyptol	Total
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A NOVELTY IN SHOP-FITTINGS is reported by the Chicago correspondent of the *Pharmaceutical Era*. This consists of fixtures of quarter-sawed oak of such construction that they occupy but one-half the space of the old fixtures, and furnish over double the shelf-room. This has been effected by making the fixtures with "double decks" and balcony.

Bankrupteies and Failures.

Re WILKIN CORRIE, formerly in partnership with Ernest Brown, and trading as Corrie, Cook & Co., South Castle Street, Liverpool, Perfume-manufacturers.

This bankrupt applied for his discharge on December 15. According to the Official Receiver's report, the liabilities were 1,465*l.*, whilst the assets realised 272*l.*, but had been returned as being 782*l.* The stock and fixtures, which the bankrupt valued at 85*l.*, only realised 47*l.*, whilst an equity of property in Duke Street had resulted in nothing, although the bankrupt valued it at 465*l.* A first and final dividend of 2*s.* 6*d.* had been declared on the joint estate. The bankrupts did not keep proper account-books, and the deficiency was not properly accounted for. It was said that goods to the value of 105*l.* were stolen from an Isle of Man exhibition, and, further, that 185*l.* had been embezzled by a former manager of theirs. Mr. Bremner for the debtor, said he thought that all Corrie was guilty of was foolishness on account of youth and inexperience. His discharge was suspended for three years.

Re JOHN RILEY TURPIN, Addingham, Dealer in Drugs, Oil, and Paint.

It appears from the report of the Bradford Official Receiver that this debtor began business at Addingham in February last with a capital of 100l., 85l. of which he borrowed and was still owing. He had kept no books of account, and stated that his total turnover had only been about 150l., and that the majority of his sales had been at less than cost price. His expenses had been about 2l. a week. He denied that he had been exceedingly negligent, and said he had been sober. Whilst he was in business at Addingham a mill stopped, throwing about 250 persons out of employment, and Lis trade was adversely affected by the circumstance. The examination was closed.

The following are ereditors:-

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Bentley, J. R., Leeds	• •	 	 120	0	0	
Goodall, Backhouse & Co., I	Leeds	 	 22	0	0	
Humphries & Co., Bradford		 	 10	-0	0	
Rider, J. C., Leeds		 	 13	15	0	
Simcock, T. W., Leeds		 • •	 15	0	0	

Re HERBERT EDMUND HOLLINGS, Leeds, Chemist and Droggist.

THE statutory meeting of creditors in this bankruptcy was appointed for December 15. The Official Receiver, who presided, said the debtor had not put in an appearance, owing to illness, neither had he filed any statement of accounts. The matter was left in the hands of the Official Receiver for administration in the usual way.

Re EMANUEL Moss COHEN, late of Houndsditch, E.C., Sponge Merchant.

UNDER a receiving order made against this debtor on November 23, accounts have been filed showing liabilities 1,970*l*. 15*s*. 5*d*., and no assets.

According to the observations of Mr. G. Wreford, Official Receiver, the debtor states that he formerly carried on business as a sponge merchant in partnership with others at Houndsditch, but he was compelled to retire from the firm in August, 1891, in consequence of his having been engaged in accommodation-bill transactions contrary to the articles of partnership. Since February, 1892, he has acted as manager to his wife, who carried on business as a sponge merchant at Gray's Inn Road, under the style of "F. M. Cohen." His insolvency is attributable to liabilities in respect of bills accepted for the accommodation of other persons, and to interest on borrowed moneys.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

A FIRST and final dividend of 10s. in the pound has been declared in the estate of William Joseph Wilson, chemist and druggist, payable at the offices of Mr. A. E. Preston, Cornmarket Street, Oxford.

DEEDS OF ARRANGEMENT.

Bradford Drug Company, The, trading as Walter Bradley, 85a Bolton Road, Bradford, and residing in lodgings at 3 Ann Place, Bradford, wholesale druggist. Trustee: Wm. Lawson, 49 Sunbridge Road, Bradford (accountant). Dated, December 13; filed, December 15. Unsecured liabilities, 307l. 15s. 2d.; estimated net assets, 72l. 2s. 6d. The following are scheduled as creditors:—

		£	8.	d.
Coultis, Julia, Batley		 225	0	0
Hirst, Brook & Hirst, Leeds		 39	19	10
Woodcock, Atkinson & Co., Bradford		 16	0	2
(And sixteen and or In	1.5			

Clarke, George Barlow Fincastle, Beaconsfield Honse, Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, physician and surgeon, Datei, December 15: filed, December 15. Unsecured liabilities, 679/. 1x. 1a/. Composition of 10s. in the pound payable upon execution hereof. The following are scheduled as creditors:—

		€ s.	d.
Arnold & Sons, Frant	 	 13 12	4
Beech, Edwin, Lamberhurst	 	 17 13	3
Bullin & Son, Tunbridge Wel's	 	 250 0	0
Jukes (no address given)	 	 250 0	0
Prickett, S., & Son, Lamberhu t	 	 13 13	0
Pyle, Geo., Tunbridge Wells	 	 17 1.6	4
Rush, J. W., ,	 	 31 1	2
Sadler & Son, London	 	 20 6	6
Soper & Jones, Tunbridge Wells	 	 45 0	0

DEATHS.

BLADES — On December 6, Frederic Blades, chemist and druggist, formerly of Moseley Road, Birmingham. Aged 51.

BRAMWELL.—On December 9, Rhodes Bramwell, chemist and druggist, late of Windsor Street, Liverpool.

Brown.—On December 6, Robert Brown, chemist and druggist, Bernard Street, Leith.

COOPER.—On December 19, Mr. F. Ashley Cooper, chemist, at his residence, Main Street, Coekermouth. The deceased gentleman, who was 40 years of age, leaves a widow and two children.

Dyson.—On December 7, Joseph Edward Dyson, chemist and druggist, of Sheffield. Aged 63.

HARRISON.—The death of Mr. W. Harrison, chemist and druggist, Kirkby Lonsdale, is reported. Deceased went to that town half-a-century ago, and purchased the business then carried on by the late Mr. Pieard. He was for many years chairman of the District Liberal Association, and was also a member of the Board of Guardians and a director of the gas company.

HOWELL.—On December 7, William Howell, chemist and druggist, of Bristol. Aged 81.

JACKSON.—Mr. P. H. Jackson, chemist and druggist, at his residence, Riversdale, Hale, Cheshire, on Friday, December 15. Mr. Jackson, who was in his 60th year, began business in Knutsford, but he had for a great number of years carried on business in Railway Street, Altrineham.

Widdows, chemist and druggist. Aged 77.

Wood.—On December 13, Mr. William Wood, chemist and druggist, Pontypool. Aged 78. Mr. Wood was the eldest member of the Local Board. The deceased gentleman served his apprenticeship with Mr. Clements, of Newport, and in 1840 succeeded to the business of his uncle, Mr. Thos. Williams, of Pontypool. For over fifty years he was intimately connected with the public and religious life of the district, and being of a genial nature was highly respected. He leaves one son.

YOUNGER.—Mrs. Younger, chemist, Brampton, died on Sunday morning, December 17, from influenza followed by pleurisy. Aged 55.

Mrs. R.: "Christopher, darling, I never can remember whether 'soda water' is written as one word or as two joined together by a syphon."



Bosice to Retail Buyers:—It should be remembered that the quotations in this section are invariably the lowest net cash prices actually paid for large quantities in bulk. In many cases allowances have to be added before ordinary prices can be ascertained. Frequently goods must be picked and sorted to suit the demands of the retail trade, causing much labour and the accumulation of rejections, not all of which are suitable, even for manufacturing purposes.

It thould also be recollected that for many articles the range of quality is very wide.

42 CANNON STREET, E.C., December 21.

Quinine Rigging.

Whenever a little speculative movement occurs in quinine, paragraphs "writing up" the drug mysteriously appear in journals that in ordinary times take no interest whatever in the chemical market. Hitherto the anonymous correspondents who precipitate these messages have shown a particular liking for the Financial News, and have generally whispered their confidences into the furry depths of that noble journal's aural organ. Last week, however, the Friend of Man who is so anxious to put his fellow-mortals' savings into a good thing, got hold of the City Editor of the Daily News, with the result that a queer little paragraph appeared in Monday's issue of that journal, under the heading of "An Influenza Market."

"Since influenza has become an institution with us, and now regularly pays an annual visit, speculation in quinine, says this Solomon, " has become both sound and profitable. Anyone buying it during the autumn months of the year is usually able to turn over his purchases at a profit of fully 20 per cent. during the winter. One of these little spurts is just now in full swing, each day witnessing a fractional rise, and from $8\frac{1}{2}d$., at which sellers were offering a few months ago, quinine has advanced to $10\frac{3}{4}l$. per oz. The general position of this article, however, is much sounder than in former years, the number of second-hand parcels having been so much reduced that now the business may be said to be almost wholly in the hands of the fabricants (sic!). A further shaking out occurred last week, when the London agent for the large German factories, after ostensible offering, became a buyer. Another point is the steady hardening in the value of chinchona bark, from which quinine is manufactured.'

After this the paragraph proceeds with the familiar tale of the "grubbing up" of the Ceylon cinchona plantations and the rest. It is truly moving to think that, in spite of low profits and bad trades, there should be so many nameless philanthropists in Mincing Lane always ready to tender disinterested advice about the investment of savings. The person who "influenced" this paragraph is commonly thought to be the agent for one of the German quininemakers, but it is only fair to say that that gentleman denics the soft impeachment. But, whoever he be, he is, no doubt, investing all his own sparc cash in the drug. It may be well, perhaps, to remind the good people who take the Daily News investment tips that hitherto outsiders speculating in quinine have generally, as the Americans say, come out at the little end of the horn. There is a lady as well known in the quinine market as is the distressed widow with the silver spoons or the German gentleman with the walnut sideboard to readers of the Telegraph advertisements. This lady once bought quinine at 10s. 6d. an ounce, because she read in her daily paper that it was cheap at the price. Periodically she tries to "realise," and writes a circumstantial letter to some wholesale drug firm or another asking what they can get her for her investment. The reply is, say, a shilling, or tenpence, whereupon the indignant female swoops down upon the drug-firm, and, waving a Stores catalogue into the face of the principal, demands to know what he means by offering her tenpence when the Stores catalogue gives the price at 3s. 6d.? It is paragraphs such as that in the Daily News that are responsible for the existence of this type of investor.

ACID (CITRIC).—Quiet, at 1s. $5\frac{1}{4}d$. per lb. (B.P. quality) from the English makers, but 1s. 5d. per lb. is said to have been accepted.

ACID (OXALIC) is very scarce, but the price still remains 3d. per lb.

ACID (TARTARIC).—The English manufacturers still quote respectively $10\frac{3}{4}d$ and 11d. per lb. Foreign brands offer at $10\frac{1}{3}d$. per lb., London terms.

ALOES.—Quiet and dull of sale for all kinds. Good hard Zanzibar in skins are very scarce, however, and would realise high prices if offered.

ANISE.—Firm and in steady demand; fair, partly stony and dusty to good bright Russian ranges in price from 24s. to 28s. per cwt.

BALSAM COPAIBA.—There has been a good deal of quiet buying lately, mostly, it is thought, by American firms, who look upon the drug as likely to advance, and prices are higher all round.

Balsam Peru.—Reported exceedingly scarce on the spot-The nearest quotation to-day is 7s. per lb. for fair quality. But that price has not been paid yet.

CANTHARIDES—Rather slow of sale; bold *Chinese* flies are held at 1s. per lb., which is, we believe, the lowest figure-paid; small flies may be had at $10\frac{1}{3}d$. per lb.

CARAWAY-SEED has been in fair demand at from 29s. to 32s., according to quality, for *Dutch* seed; *Russian* offers at from 24s. to 27s.

CHLORATE OF POTASH.—Steady, at $7\frac{3}{4}d$. to $7\frac{7}{8}d$., f.o.b., Liverpool, and 8d. per 1b. in London. For next year the quotations remain as given in our last report, but no one cares to buy at present prices.

CLOVES.—Zanzibar cloves are quiet and rather easier for delivery, March-May having sold at $2\frac{15}{16}d$. per lb. Fair Zanzibar cloves have been sold on the spot at $2\frac{1}{8}d$. per lb.

Cocaine.—Last week we announced that an advance was imminent. Since then it has been actually declared. All the makers (excepting one or two whose quotations are not competitive) now ask 14s. 6d. per oz for hydrochlorate (in tins) in 100-oz. lots, 14s. 9d. for 25-100-oz. lots, and 15s. for less than 25 oz. Delivery may be taken within three months at these prices. The quantities of "crude cocaine" exported from Peru during 1892 were as follows:—London, 2.672 lbs.; Hamburg, 932 lbs.; New York, 221 lbs. The total weight of 3,825 lbs. was valued at 23,4227 10s.

CREAM OF TARTAR — Fairly steady, at 67s. per cwt. for best white *French* crystals, London terms.

CROTON-SEED is offering very sparingly. It is believed that, if supplied, fair quality would realise from 22s. to 25s. per cwt.

CUMIN-SEED.—Held for firm prices, but without change in the quotations. Good *Malta* seed, according to quality, is worth 38s. to 41s., and *Morocco* 27s. to 30s. per cwt.

Galls—China galls have been tending rather easier; sales have recently been made at 42s. 6d. per cwt. c.i.f. terms, but on Friday last the pendulum began to swing round, and some business was reported at 43s. c.i.f. terms for December-February. Spot sales at 52s. 6d. per cwt.

GUM ACACIA.—At last Thursday's auctions a very considerable supply of acacia gum of various descriptions was offered for sale. **Justralian** gum was in increased supply and brought lower prices, good pale frosted selling at 28s.*; blocky and glassy at 13s. per cwt. Of *Persian** gum 796 packages were offered, but nearly all bought in, blocky and sea-damaged gum brought from 8s. 6d. to 10s. per cwt. Ordinary reddish and pale sorts have sold privately lately at 20s. per cwt. **Soudan** sorts*, plentifully offered, were very neglected, and sales were made at lower prices—viz., dusty reddish at 36s. 6d. per cwt. **Fair to good bright hard gum has sold privately at 42s. 6d. to 45s. per cwt. In **East Indian** gums there was a strong demand for Ghatti, which had

already been in brisk request privately, and which realised an advance of fully 2s. per cwt. upon the prices of the preceding auctions. Bold yellow picked brought 37s., medium, sorts 22s. to 23s., ordinary brown 19s. to 21s., pickings from 13s. to 16s., and siftings 17s. per cwt. Dark blocky Madras pickings realised 23s. to 24s. per cwt. Kurachee-Amrad is slow to move: bright pale to reddish to fair amber drop brought from 40s. to 41s. 6d., pale amber drop 36s., red to amber pickings 24s. to 32s. 6d., clean small siftings 29s. to 30s per cwt. Aden gum sold at 45s. for good bright pale and amber, 34s. 6d. to 35s. for fair, 19s. to 22s. for small to bold siftings, and 18s. per cwt. for dark pickings.

GUM AMMONIACUM.—The demand remains steady, but not very lively, at from 50s. to 55s. per cwt. for fair pale drop, partly drossy mixed.

GUM TRAGACANTH.—Business is quiet and slack, but prices keep very steady—firsts Bagdad ("Persian") at 12l. 10s., seconds at 11l. 10s. to 12l., thirds at 10l. to 11l. 5s., and lower grades at from 9l. 10s. down to 4l. 10s. per cwt. Hog gum is very firmly held, and little is offering. Fair Bassorah has sold at 5l., Syrian at from 55s. to 70s. per cwt.

IPECACUANHA.—A good private demand for *Cartagena* (Colombiau) root has been reported since the auctions, and prices of from 4s. 3d. to 4s. 6d. per lb. are said to have been conceded for good quality. *Brazilian* root is also reported steady and in good demand.

MENTHOL.—Exceedingly scarce on the spot. There is now said to be only one holder, who asks nominally 18s. per lb. for good quality; at this figure about 200 lbs. have been sold during the week. Some parcels reported to be of rather inferior quality are offering, however, below that figure. For shipment, 16s. 6d., cif. terms, December-January, is quoted.

MORPHIA.—Very firmly held on the basis of 4s. 6d. per oz. for powder.

OILS (ESSENTIAL).—Japanese peppermint oil is said to have been sold to some slight extent at 10s. 6d. per lb. on the spot, and holders now talk of 11s, per lb. for partly dementholised oil. It is reported that for oil with 40 per cent. of menthol 11s. 6d. per lb. has been paid. Star-anise oil is held on the spot at 5s. 11d. to 6s. per lb.; for shipment the present quotation is 5s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., c.i.f. terms. A sale of 100 cases lemongrass oil, by January-March steamer shipment, at $1\frac{\pi}{2}d$. per oz c.i.f., London terms, is said to have been made recently. Enealyptus oil is very firmly held, fine brands at 3s. per lb., more ordinary grades at 2s. per lb.

Opium.—A considerable amount of business has been done in London during the last ten days in manufacturing-opium at firm prices. Soft shipping and fine druggists' kinds remain neglected, and Persian, also, has not been dealt in recently. The following are the current quotations:—Good to fine soft shipping, 11s. 6d. to 12s. 6d.; good to fine Smyrna, 10s. to 11s. 6d.; druggists' seconds, 8s. to 9s. 6d.; manufacturing (Constantinople), 8s. 6d. to 11s. 6d.; Persian, 9s. to 11s. 6d. per lb. Our Smyrna correspondent writes on December 9:—"In all 150 cases have been taken this week, all for American account, at 8s. 6d. to 8s. 9d. per lb., f.o.b., according to quality; 60 or 70 cases more are required to complete the orders on hand, but holders refuse to sell any more on above terms. On the other hand, buyers are not authorised to pay more than 8s. 6d. for common usual run talequale, and 8s. 9d. for extra selected old, and we think prices will now be maintained at above rates for some time to come; but a good deal will depend upon the success or failure of the winter sowings. The arrivals of opium from the interior to date amount to 1,032 cases, against 3,517 at same period last year." A Constantinople correspondent, writing on December 14, observes:—"America has at last come forward, and a more healthy tone been the result. About 110 cases changed hands last week, three quarters of which were for America. The prices paid were 8s. 1d. to 8s. 3d., f.o.b., for druggists', and 9s. 6d., f.o.b., for 5 cases Tokats. Fresh confidence has been imparted to holders, who are now asking 8s. 8d. to 8s. 9d., f.o.b., for quantity. Buyers, however, see no reason for paying any advance for the moment. The fair weather has allowed of good winter sowings; but these are very uncertain quantities to count upon, as any

frosts between now and the end of January would quickly destroy the plants, if they are not well covered with snow."

PRUSSIATE OF POTASH,—Yellow prussiate is quoted at $10\frac{3}{4}d$. to 11d. per lb.

QUASSIA.—The market has become slightly firm or lately although no actual business at an improvement in price is reported. Holders now ask 90s. per ton for logs.

QUICKSILVER remains very steady, at 6l. 7s. 6d. in first, and 6l. 6s. 6d. per bottle in second, hand.

QUININE.—Last week the market closed firmly, with some little business in second-hand foreign bulk quinine at $10\frac{1}{8}d$. per oz., and on Friday about 35,000 oz. changed hands at from $10\frac{2}{8}d$. to $10\frac{1}{2}d$. per oz. Early in the week a further stage in the advance was reached by a sale, on Monday, of some 25,000 oz., at $10\frac{3}{4}d$. per oz. Since then the market has become quiet again, and no further business has been reported. To-day the position is:—Sellers at $10\frac{3}{4}d$. buyers at $10\frac{2}{3}d$. per oz. Nothing doing. The German makers have progressively raised their quotations to $11\frac{3}{4}d$. per oz. for bulk quinine in quantities and 1s. per oz. for smaller lots. The richest parcel of cinchona offered at last Thursday's Amsterdam auctions was one of 23 bales crushed Ledger from a private plantation, containing the equivalent of 12·11 per cent. of sulphate of quinine. This lot sold at the rate of $42\frac{1}{4}c$. per half-kilo., or, say, $7\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., Amsterdam terms. The average unit was 3·86c.; 1,004 kilos, quinine selling at $4\frac{1}{4}c$., 8,344 kilos, at 4c., 7,893 kilos, at $3\frac{3}{4}c$., and 2,004 kilos, at $3\frac{1}{2}c$. the unit. The chief buyers were:—

			EHOS.
Mr. Gust. Briegleb, who bo	ught about	 	 6,677
Mr. J. J. Louët Feisser,	10	 	 3,743
Messrs. W. Schoffer & Co.,	91	 	 3,653
The Pharmac, Hand, Vereen,	,,	 	 3.490
The Amst. Quinine-works,	79	 	 2,033
Mr. J. de Ligt,	22	 	 878
Various buyers,	• 9	 	 431
Bought in or withdrawn		 	 6,005

The general tendency was firm, with a good demand. A few parcels of unusually fine druggists' bark in heavy mossed silvery quill, about 10 inches in length, were offered, and realised the equivalent of 1s. $2\frac{1}{2}d$ per lb. (80c. per half-kilo.). The tendency in this class of bark was irregular, but very firm for fine quality. The following table shows the quantitative equivalents of sulphate of quinine in the bark offered at the Amsterdam cinchona auctions this year, together with the quantities sold and the average units. It should be borne in mind that in many cases a considerable proportion of the bark withdrawn at auction was immediately sold privately after the sales:—

Dat	е	Offered, Kilos.	Sold, Kilos.	Unit, cents
January 12 February 16 March 23 April 27 June 1 July 6 August 31 October 5 November 9 December 14		 23,300 11,250 23,000 14,500 22,000 25,250 25,300 18,200 17,250 26,500	13,200 10,250 15,000 12,500 12,200 12,200 12,600 7,000 13,000 16,259 20,500	5.5.5.4.4.4.4.5.8.2.2.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3.3

SAFFRON.—It is reported from Valencia that there has been a good deal of buying on that market lately by German agents, but there has been no change in price so far.

SHELLAC.—The market closes quiet, both on the spot and for delivery, the only sales reported being a few hundred cases orange TN, at 106s. 6d. for January; 107s. for February; and 107s. 6d. for March delivery. No public sales have been held this week.

TEA.—A very large quantity of tea (considering the period of the year) had been catalogued for public sale for the first three days of this week, and in the case of *Ceylons* the result

has been a very irregular market, and in many cases low prices. On Tuesday a number of poor liquoring Pekoes sold as low as $5\frac{1}{3}d$., per lb., and Souchong down to 5d., though there were undoubtedly many more very common teas than we have been getting. Medium to fine teas in many cases showed a marked reduction, and as importers must have been perfectly aware of the consequences of forcing so much tea so near the holidays, it looks as though we shall have heavy sales after the holidays again. Indians have been steadier on the whole, though terminals have dropped three or four points, and many very cheap teas have passed the hammer. Tippy broken Pekoes under 10d. are wonderfully cheap, and good medium Pekoes have been in large supply, and show a reduction in price. Chinas and scented teas are very quiet, but there is no disposition to force tea on the market this week, and prices keep steady.

TURMERIC.—The market remains fairly steady, and a sale of 20 tons split Cochin bulbs, January to February steamer shipment, is reported at 7s. 9d. per cwt., c.i.f. Liverpool.

VANILLA.—The following figures are given as representing the annual crop of Vanilla in the island of Bourbon during the last 20 years:—

Year	lbs.	Year	lbs.	Year		lbs.
1873-74 1874-75 1875-76 1876-77 1877-78 1878-79 1879-80	 21,563 45,903 50,340 63,390 70,569 65,806 98,316	1881-82 1832-83 1833-84 1834-85 1885-86 1886-87	 50,663 61.031 45,409 61.707 107,025 125,560 103,907	183788 1888-89 1889-90 1830-91 1891-92 1892-93	•••	

WAX (BEES') remains high in price; the importers of *French* brown bees'-wax in bars have raised their quotations from 7l. 15s. to 8l. 5s. per cwt.

WAX (JAPAN) remains steady, at 34s. per cwt. for good pale hard squares.

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

ANISE.—Further sales in quantity of *Chilian* have been made at 23s. 6d. per cwt., and holders are talking of more money.

Calabar Beans.—There are buyers at $1\frac{1}{2}d$., and lots at auction have been withdrawn at $1\frac{5}{3}d$.

CANARY-SEED.—The upward movement is well sustained—large quantities changing hands at 46s. for good bright Turkish.

GUINEA GRAINS.—The expected advance has been established and sales have been made at 25s. per cwt.

OIL (CASTOR).—The market for good seconds ('alcutta is quiet at $2\frac{1}{2}d$., but holders are firm in their views and show confidence in the position of the article, as stocks on the spot are being greatly reduced in the absence of arrivals.

QUILLAIA.—Very firm at 121. 5s. to 121. 10s. for good merchandise.

WAX (BEES').—The recent large shipments for export have made holders very firm, and business continues to be done at improving prices; Chilian now 7l. to 8l.

THE NEW YORK MARKET.

(From our own Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, December 12.

ALTHOUGH the volume of business transacted during the week has not been very large, there has been a more cheerful tone about the market, and more interest has been manifested than for several weeks past. The cables of considerable activity in Opium, both in Smyrna and London, which reached us late last week, induced considerable sales here at gradually advancing prices, and at the close, \$2.15 was the quotation for either case or jobbing lots. The movement has been viewed with suspicion by some of the trade here as being possibly of speculative origin. Aloin has been reduced to \$1.10 under strong competition from a com-

parative new-comer in the field. Balsams generally are firm, sales of 1,000 lbs. Central American Copaiba being reported at 38c. None is quoted from first hands. Menthol is firm at 32 50. Balsam Tolu is quoted in one quarter at 25c., though most dealers ask 27c. to 28c. Jaborandi leaves are selling in a small way at 48c. to 60c. A large order could probably not be executed. Guarana is dull and neglected at 95c. to \$1.00. A sale of 100 cases of Spermaceti for export is reported at about 29½c. Stocks are said to be very small. Cascara sagrada offers with greater freedom, and 5¾c. would no doubt be accepted for a round lot, though 6c. is asked. Virginia sumach shares the interest accorded the Sicily article, and has advanced to \$47.50 for spot. Tartaric acid is selling from second hands at $22\frac{1}{9}$ c. in five-barrel lots. Oxalic acid has advanced to $6\frac{1}{9}$ c. to $6\frac{3}{9}$ c., and makers are fighting shy of contracts for next year, in the belief of a still further advance. Some export inquiry is reported from Italy for Blue vitriol, but it was not sufficient to affect the price of $3\frac{1}{4}$ c. to $3\frac{1}{9}$ c. Second hands are quoting *Potassium* bromide in bulk at a half cent below the pool figures. Next to the advance in *Opium*, the most important thing to report is the interest aroused by *Peppermint oil*. Under the combined influences of short crops, short stocks, and active inquiry, both on the spot and abroad, the prices have advanced to \$2.50 to \$2.60 for Western, and \$2.60 to \$2.75 for Wayne County bulk. HGH remains stationary at \$3 to \$310. Owing to scarcity Tansy oil has been advanced to \$2.50 to \$3.00. Jalap is quoted at 24c. to 32c., and an effort seems to be being made to "bear" the market, as it is reported that considerable lots are about to arrive both at Hamburg and London. Senega is very dull and weak at 42c. for Minnesota, and 41c. for Manitoba. Jamaica ginger is in small supply, and firm at 14c. to 17c. for unbleached, but there is but little inquiry. Golden scal has sold to the extent of 1,200 lbs. for export at 21½c., and is now quoted firm at 22c. Texas snakeroot has sold at 28c. Mexican sarsoparilla continues firm at $10\frac{1}{3}$ c. to 11c. No stocks are in first hands. A lot was sent back to this city from St. Louis and sold at 9½c. to 10c., presumably with a view to realising cash to meet maturing obligations. The market was not glutted however.,

(Telegram from our Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday night.

CENTRAL AMERICAN Copaiba balsam has advanced here to 34c. per lb. Messrs. Powers & Weightman have raised their price for Quivine in 1-oz. vials to 28c. Genuine Canada balsam is dearer; it now costs 35c. per lb. from first-hand holders. The fall in Senega-root foreshadowed last week has become a fact, and to-day 40c. per lb. would be taken for good bright quality. Mexican Sarsaparilla is very firmly held; this week 25 bales of it have been shipped to London. The shipments of blue vitrial to Europe have been very heavy lately. American oil of peppermint closes very firm at the rate of \$300 per lb. for HGH brand, but no business is doing at that figure.

MR. EDMUND JONES, chemist, of the Medical Hall, Hanley, has been installed Master of Menturia Lodge of Masons, which is one of the largest and oldest lodges in Staffordshire.

A REMEDY FOR CHOLERA.—The Russian Government has despatched to Central Asia several physicians to study the effects of the plant *Ferula Gambal* [? Sumbul], which is employed there as a remedy for cholera.

THE HYDERABAD CHLOROFORM COMMISSION still bears fruit. The anti-vivisectionists have petitioned the Viceroy of India in favour of the Indian Bill now under consideration for the regulation of vivisection experiments, suggesting that the higher animals should be wholly exempted from experimentation; that the animals should be kept under an anæsthetic throughout the investigation; that the use of curare should be entirely prohibited; and that one inspector should be appointed on account of his recognised humanity, not his scientific knowledge.



Memoranda for Correspondents.

In letters for publication correspondents are requested to express their views as concisely as possible.

Overrespondents should write on one side of the paper only, and devote a separate piece of paper to each subject of inquiry.

The name and address of the writer should accompany all communications.

with, if desired, a distinctive nom-de-plume.

Scheduling Carbolic-acid.

SIR,—We cannot allow your "Editorial Remarks" of December 16 to pass without notice, though we do not wish to emulate your example in "writing a book."

The whole object of our letter was to show what you fail to disprove, viz.:—"That the mere fact of scheduling does not lessen either accidental or suicidal poisonings."

Further, we may point out that your statistics do not agree with those given in the Registrar-General's Reports.

Yours truly,

F. C. CALVERT & Co.

[The statistics were taken from the Reports referred to.— ED. C. & D.]

The Value of Carbolic Acid.

SIR.—We are surprised that you should have inserted Mr. Kingzett's letter, which is nothing less than a personal and insulting attack upon ourselves.

He knows full well that what we have said is borne out by the fact that carbolic acid is not only recognised as a "standard disinfectant" by various European Governments, but it is also the one he and other makers of rival products select as a standard to attack, as they are always attempting comparisons and making assertions which cannot be proved.

For Mr. Kingzett's edification we append two statements, one from your own journal, and one from the Medical Times

and Gazette:-

Chemist and Druggist, July 30, 1892, says:—"Although the superiority of carbolic as a disinfectant has been frequently challenged; there is no doubt that it continues to hold the first place in public forms."

Editor Medical Times and Gazette, October, 1878, says:—"Carbolic acid has probably saved, and is saving every day, more human lives than any other drug, except, perhaps, quinine or opium."

We are not going to enter into any controversy with Mr. Kingzett; but there is one deduction we can draw—viz., that he has not much faith in his "pct disinfectant," or he would not advertise a "bactericide" the active ingredient of which is bichloride of mercury, and an aërial disinfectant the virtue of which is sulphurous anhydride.

Bradford, Manchester, December 19.

Yours truly, F. C. CALVERT & Co.

Stores Prices.

SIR.—Perhaps you can kindly explain in your next issue how it is that the Civil Scrvice Stores can sell Dunbar's "Alkaram" at 1s. 8d., as per your "English News," page 814, December 9 issue, when I have to pay my patent-house 26s. 1d. net for the same article. Has the maker one price for chemists and another for Stores?

Yours,

December 8.

INQUIRER.

Sherloek Holmes and Iodoform.

'SIR,—You are rather behind regarding iodoform-odour suggestion to "Sherlock Holmes," as Conan Doyle some time ago makes S. H. diagnose "Dr. Watson" as having resumed practice from iodoform-odour entering room with him.

Yours truly,
DIOGENES. (191/68.)

Company Pharmacy.

SIR,—Having carefully read the numerous letters on this subject, I think I perceive a vein of selfishness running through the whole. First we have Mr. Boot defending company pharmacy, and, from his standpoint, we think he correctly states a case; on the other hand, a number of chemists rush forward to attack Mr. Boot and his theory, and their replies show pretty well how the land lies, and notify at once where the shoe pinches.

But who is to blame? Years ago, when company pharmacy

But who is to blame? Years ago, when company pharmacy was unheard of, chemists troubled themselves very little about public welfare, nor exercised any great care that the best of goods were always supplied at a reasonable rate; it was only when cash receipts were dwindling away that they began to trot out modern war cries. Surely they don't expect to put the world back twenty years. It is too late to cry for Parliamentary protection. The mistakes of the past can only serve as guideposts to future actions, but such actions cannot overturn company pharmacy. Company pharmacy is here, one of the signs of the times, and here it will remain. Reasonable ideas, which injure none engaged in legitimate trade, will always find sufficient support to attain an object; but when individuals waste time and talents in raving against a recognised state of affairs that has been evolved out of the apathy of the past, all I can say is that it is a bad look-out for their cause. Yours,

AN OLDHAM LIMITED. (185/60.)

SIR,—In dealing with the principles of company pharmacy all seem to ignore or overlook the fact that it is a high state of economy, the smart business man and the chemist combined; the one is essential to the other. The two combined are well-balanced, and the public are benefited by a better service, better quality, and more reasonable prices.

Your correspondent "X," in your issue of the 9th, quotes

Your correspondent "X," in your issue of the 9th, quotes some of the prices of Boots (Limited) at Hanley, and says, "Surely this is a process of extermination," and aptly remarks, "There are two sides to most questions." So there are, but he only gives the one. It would be interesting to know who commenced such "process." If my information is correct it was not Boots (Limited), but another chemist, who no doubt thought he could score with the public by issuing a handbill similar to theirs, and cutting one or two prices a trifle below the firm in question. The result was they reduced to a figure below that at which most chemists can buy, but which still leaves them a profit. This is a suicidal policy for a chemist to adopt against a company. He has his one shop and cannot afford to sell at a loss; they their many, and what matters it if one is a loss for a time?—the others support it.

Surely 'twere better to play second fiddle and get some profit than first and get none. Follow rather than lead in cutting, and probably this method was adopted by your correspondent "Anti-Humbug," and found to be the most favourable.

Yours, &c.,

Molecule, (186'36.)

SIR,—If "Company Pharmacy" were prevented would store prices cease? Assuredly not. "Cutting" was commenced by chemists themselves, and will always be carried on. It simply means the "survival of the fittest." One can hardly suppose that anyone believes that "cutters" make their profits by the sale of patent medicines only. Men who devote themselves to business will generally succeed, and leave it to others to write the miserable epistles and make the absurd suggestions we read and hear.

There is another point that has not yet been raised. I should like to know what would become of a great many assistants were it not for such companies as Boots Limited. Everyone is aware that a great many chemists carry on business almost entirely, and in many cases solely, by the aid of apprentices who, when their term is completed, are turned adrift to look out for themselves. I know of a man who generally has four apprentices in various stages of probation.

Is this done in the interests of would-be chemists or for the sake of cheap labour?

I am not ashamed to admit that I am one of Boots (Limited) managers, and I cannot help feeling amused at

some of the suggestions made for the extermination of myself and colleagues.

Having had experience of both classes of business (high class and stores), I should like to say that for every reason I infinitely prefer the latter: I get shorter hours, larger salary, and am always treated as a gentleman. Yours truly,
C. E. REYNOLDS.

89A Moor Street, Burton-on-Trent, December 16.

SIR,—Last month in a paper by me read before the London Chemists' Assistants' Association I drew attention to this subject, and quoted numerous instances of companies floated this year with no qualified men apparently among their shareholders, evidently in most instances in order to evade the Pharmacy Act. One young man of twenty-two had been fined by the Pharmaceutical Society, and admitted that he had converted his business into a limited company in order to evade future penalties.

Anna Ruppert was recently fined for selling a preparation containing corrosive sublimate without being qualified. Now by virtue of the Companies Act she may sell this and any other poison she may choose, so long as she employs a qualified person to hand over the poison to the purchaser. Lastly, we have another unqualified person selling a scheduled poison (veratria) in the form of a proprietary article, apparently with the consent of a court.

These loop-holes in the Act certainly require mending. Clearly we cannot expect to stop company pharmacy so long as we permit executors of a deceased chemist to continue his business. Until we rescind the widow's clause we are powerless to prevent further extension of the evil. How can we check unqualified companies whilst we allow unqualified executors to control pharmacies? Let us first amend our pharmacy law, and then enforce it.

I would suggest that the proposed federation should take this matter up. In order that it may be thoroughly representative, all chemists, assistants and apprentices should be asked to join. I think we have a very strong case for future legislation. It is monstrous that a Pharmacy Act should be in force that prevents an individual from practising pharmacy, whilst any unqualified trader may by the simple expedient of taking unto himself six other individuals of the Act. The public safety is by no mount of the Act. The public safety is by no protected by employing a qualified assistant.

Yours faithfully,

C. E. PICKERING. form a limited company, and completely upset the intentions of the Act. The public safety is by no means sufficiently

SIR,—Notwithstanding retail price-lists and Bills announ· cing "store prices," &c., the full price of patent medicines is readily paid, showing the folly of so much reduction. Proprietors should make the wholesale prices to chemists and others of 1s. $1\frac{1}{6}d$. articles 12s. 6d. a dozen, and supply coupons to the wholesale houses, with instructions to supply same with each order executed, of course specifying the quantity, and the chemists monthly send same to the respective makers to be allowed a commission equal to the gain by the higher charge to the wholesale.

As chemists have not other departments to depend on for profit I should suggest that companies be exempt.

Yours respectfully, T. B. L. (187/13.)

SIR,-Having very carefully thought out the question I have come to the conclusion that the only way to save the individual chemist is to advocate the policy, one qualification one shop, and pass it. When chemists can get a living profit they will be able to employ more assistants, pay better wages, give better food, and allow more time out.

Young men in the employment of limited companies, how are you going to live when you are old? Do the limited companies pension off their smart assistants when they get a little stale, or do they employ them assi porters? Remember, all cannot be managers in these large firms which sell at wholesale prices with which individual chemists cannot compete, and as the limited companies extend their branches the individual chemist must go under. So, before it is too late, I entreat all qualified men to advocate one qualification one shop, for that alone can save the individual chemist from total obliteration.

AMBLESIDE, (191/24.)

SIR,—Each correspondent challenges and vanquishes his imaginary foe in his special way, either by straight cut or back-stroke; each has a scheme to propound, each has a method of putting an end to company-pharmacy; yet few have struck what appears to be the fundamental note upon which is built the discord. Each one lapses into that everlasting sing-song—the cutting of prices. What has the cutting of prices to do with company-pharmacy? The minimum of profit is the result, and not the cause of it.

Moreover, when shall we hear the last of the cant about
"public safety," when selfish interest is the underlying meaning?

However much some chemists may sneer and pretend to be amused at Mr. Boot's letter, he has drawn an undeniably successful and striking parallel—a not altogether undeserved retaliation. The letters of many others adduce ideas all of which seem irrelevant, and interfere more or less with what has been our national boast-Free Trade.

The solution of the whole problem lies with the qualified assistants, and the sooner chemists persuade themselves to believe it, the better will be the result.

Why should an assistant refuse to take service with a company? Their hours are short, remuneration good, and time for recreation, whilst the chemist thinks his assistant almost unworthy of consideration—an automaton guaranteed to maintain continuous pressure throughout the day.

It is unnecessary to ask why the companies treat their assistants well. It is evident why they do so. They know that in them lies their strength. Who can be surprised at "Pharmacist's" defiant proclamation? Had chemists decided to act towards their assistants as the companies do.

company-pharmacy would long ago have died of inanition.

The qualified assistants hold the key of the position, and it rests with them whether company-pharmacy shall advance or retire, and not with the Pharmaceutical Society, nor any Bill to be brought into the House of Commons. I am not in a company's service, and have never been, nor do I advocate such. Yet I am of opinion that the majority of assistants are conservative, and I believe that if chemists were prepared to treat their assistants as do the companies' and not exercise that petty tyranny and serfdom to which they have so long been accustomed, the assistants would more readily support them, and company-pharmacy would have a more formidable opponent, a union—not a miserable union, by subscription, of eternal malcontents, like the trades-unions, but a union of mutual interests and progress, which, like the nominal etiquette of the medical profession, would be an almost invincible and insurmountable barrier to any outsiders. Respectfully yours, AN ASSISTANT. (185/37.),

DISPENSING NOTES.

Correspondents should consult "The Art of Dispensing" in regard to dispensing difficulties. Difficulties not explained therein may be sent to the Editor, who invites a general expression of opinion upon the undermentioned topics.

Alum-and-Myrrh Lotion.

176/18. Dispenser wishes to know how best to dispense the following, so as to avoid precipitation of the resin:-

> .. 3j.. .. 3viij.

Dissolve the alum in the greater part of the water, then rub up about 60 grs. of powdered acacia with the tineture; pour this quickly into the alum solution with a brisk shake. In place of the acacia 2 drs. of tincture of quillaia, or the same quantity either of tincture or concentrated infusion of senega, may be added to the myrrh in the same way

"Dispenser" will find "The Art of Dispensing" invaluable for reference in dispensing-difficulties similar to this.]

A Menthol Lotion.

170/48. Aq. Sodæ has not been able to make a good preparation from the following prescription:—

[A 10-per-cent. solution is apparently meant, and, considering the purpose, a solution in rectified spirit would be most suitable. Dissolve the menthol in spirit, rub up with glycerine, add about 3 drs. of tincture of quillaia, and then the water, gradually, so as to form an emulsion. A much nicer-looking preparation may be obtained by rubbing up the menthol solution and glycerine with 2 drs. magn. carb. lev., adding the water, and filtering; but in this way much of the menthol is lost. Perhaps, on consultation with the prescriber, a 10-per-cent. solution in anhydrous ether, made up to the quantity prescribed with olive oil in place of the glycerine and water, would exactly answer the purpose, and would form a very elegant liniment.]

LEGAL QUERIES.

Emmediate information on pharmaco-legal matters is available in "Pharmacy and Poison Laws of the United Kingdom," Alpe's "Handy-book of Medicine-stamp Duty," and The Ohemists' and Druggists' Diary

185 30. Whitworth Red Bottle.—We regret to find that the statement above the label for this preparation in the DIARY, page 383, is exactly the opposite of what it should be. We have referred back to our issue of July 17, 1886, when the label was first printed, and find that we there stated that "the label would necessitate a patent-medicine stamp." By some strange freak of mental perversion this has been misread in copying. Subscribers will please make a correction in their DIARIES.

168/4. Dentist.—Under the Gasworks Ciauses Act (1847) Amendment, 1871, the only conditions as to the purity of the gas supplied are the following:—"The quality of the gas supplied . . . shall with respect to its illuminating-power, be such as to produce at the testing-place provided in conformity with this Act a light equal in intensity to that produced by the prescribed number of sperm candles of six to the pound, and such gas shall, as to its purity, not exhibit any trace of sulphuretted hydrogen." This Act applies to all gas companies, each of which has a further special Act which regulates the quality of the gas more strictly. A copy of this Act is to be seen at the gasworks in any district by any consumer. In London the methods of testing the gas are under the control of the gas referees appointed under various Acts of Parliament, the present ones being Professor Harcourt, Dr. Pole, and Professor Rücker. The conditions laid down are:—

- 1. The gas when burning at the rate of 5 cubic feet per hour shall give a fight equal to that produced by sixteen standard sperm candles (six to the pound, burning 120 grains per hour).
 - 2. There shall be no sulphuretted hydrogen in the gas.
- 3. The ammonia in the gas shall not exceed 4 grains per 100 cubic feet.
- 4. The sulphur in the gas existing in the form of compounds other than H₂S shall not exceed 17 grains and 22 grains in the winter per 100 cubic Ceet.
- 5. The pressure of the gas shall not be less than that produced by a column of water of one inch between sunset and midnight, and six-tenths of an inch between midnight and sunset.

Without going into details, the methods adopted in testing the gas consist in first accurately adjusting the meter until a flow of 5 feet per hour is obtained; the illuminating-power is then taken by means of a photometer of suitable form. Another meter measures the gas used for testing for impurities. Twenty cubic feet are passed very slowly through an apparatus containing slips of paper soaked in acetate of lead, upon which the gas continually impinges. It then

passes through a known quantity of standard acid solution, which collects the whole of the NH_3 , and is finally burnt in a special apparatus in the neighbourhood of a large excess of ammonium carbonate. The sulphur is considered to be oxidised to SO_3 , which is retained by the ammonia and estimated by precipitation as BaSO_4 . Excess of impurity or deficiency in illuminating-power renders the supplier liable to a fine. All cases in London are decided by Dr. Williamson, the chief gas-examiner, and after his decision the companies may appeal to a magistrate, who has then the power to mitigate the fine, but not to reverse the chief gas-examiner's decision.

184/73. Lex Agris.—A is an apothecary (L.S.A.) keeping an "open shop"; B is his assistant, holding the Assistants certificate (L.S.A.). Can B sell and dispense poisons? A the apothecary, says he can under the 16th section of the Pharmacy Act. [You must wait till the Glasgow appealcase is heard. At present the presumption is that the assistant may not sell a poison. We do not see that the Apothecaries' Assistants' qualification makes any difference.] A man gives away 1 drachm of tincture of opium, labels same "Poison—laudanum." Can he be prosecuted by the Pharmaceutical Society? [Not if it is a bonâ-fide giving; but an attempt to evade the Act by a pretended giving would not be likely to succeed.]

184/19. Tenant.—The case seems to come rather under the covenant for payment of rates, taxes, assessments, and outgoings. The practice is for the Sanitary Authority to serve the owner with notice and leave him to deal with the tenant. The following case, decided by the Court of Appeal, seems to go to the point asked, but the matter is not free from difficulty, and the case in question was under the Public Health Act, not the Metropolitan Act:—"Expense of repairing defective drainage. Public Health Act, 1875 (38 and 39 Vict., c. 55), secs. 94, 95, 96, 98, and 104. The defendant was tenant to the plaintiffs of certain hereditaments under a lease, by which he was bound to 'bear, pay, and discharge . . . all other taxes, rates, duties, and assessments whatsoever, whether Parliamentary, parochial, or otherwise.' The drainage having become defective, the sanitary authority of the borough within which the hereditaments were situate caused a notice to be served upon the plaintiffs requiring them, as owners, to abate the nuisance, and the notice not having been complied with obtained an order from a Justice to the like effect. The plaintiffs, having executed the works necessary to enable them to obey the order, sought to recover the cost of them from the defendant under the foregoing covenant. Held by Lords Justices Baggally and Bramwell (Lord Justice Brett dissenting) that the action was maintainable."—Budd c. Marshall, 5 C.P.D., 481.

173/6. W. B.—The law stands at present that no unregistered person can sell a proprietary medicine containing an appreciable quantity of a scheduled poison, unless such preparation has been patented. In the Kay's essence case in Ireland, the prosecution failed on the ground that the preparation had been patented.

185/67. Lex says a farm-servant had two fingers in jured by a mowing-machine. The bailiff of the farm sent the man to him ("Lex"). "Lex" dressed the fingers and supplied lotions, &c., subsequently sending an account to the master. The master refuses to pay, and says the servant has left his employ. Can the master be compelled to pay? [It is no part of a master's duty to provide his servant, other than an apprentice, with medicine or medical attendance, but of course a master may render himself liable to pay for medicine supplied by his conduct. Our correspondent, however, would be bound to prove that the bailiff had his master's authority to send, and did actually send, the servant to our correspondent; but the Judge might possibly infer such an authority for the bailiff.]

174/8. Hants.—Write to the company.

187/21. II. has received notice to pay inhabited-house duty on stables and warehouse at some distance from shop and on another person's premises. Is this a legal charge! It would be as well to give notice of appeal against the assessment to inhabited-house duty of a stable and warehouse forming part of another letting, and not occupied with the house and shop. The Act says that where the house or shop and the outbuildings and premises occupied therewith amount to over 20%, there shall be charged certain duties, but we think this means outbuildings and offices included in the same curtilage or, at all events, in the same letting. We should advise our correspondent to write direct to Somerset House, addressing his letter to "The Secretary, Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, W.C.," as well as giving notice of appeal.]

186/7. Nemo asks: "Is it legal to sell proprietary articles such as cough-mixtures, chlorodyne, toothache elixir, over the counter in 2d. or 3d. lots, the customers bringing their own bottles, &c., although the label put on is in the possessive case?" [The medicine-stamp duty is charged upon every bottle "containing" any dutiable medicine, and the duty is to be paid before the bottle with its contents is first sold or delivered out of the custody or possession of the maker or compounder. If a customer brings his own bottle to be filled we do not think you would incur a penalty for selling an unstamped medicine by merely putting a dutiable label on the customer's bottle, because the penalty is imposed upon the person who shall sell any bottle containing a dutiable medicine. But it is a risky thing to do.]

186:40. Research asks: "Can the Revenue impose a penalty for recommending a pure drug such as cod-liver oil or eucalyptus oil if you have not done so by means of handbill, poster, label, or circular, &c.?" [A medicinal drug, such as cod-liver oil or eucalyptus oil, is exempt from medicine-stamp duty "uttered or vended entire without any mixture or composition with any other drug or ingredient whatsoever" by any chemist or any other person licensed to sell stamped medicines. If your case is within these lines no penalty can be inflicted upon you.]

190/42. A. S.—If you send any articles to Germany by parcel post you must fill up a declaration of the contents, and duty, if any, will be charged on delivery. The articles you name would be liable to a duty, we think, as proprietary medicines.

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES.

The Editor replies to queries of general interest, in the order in which they are received. Replies are inserted according to the space available. Postal answers cannot be supplied.

Back numbers, containing formulæ, educational or other specific information

can be obtained from the Publisher.

We are obliged to a number of subscribers for copies of their calendars, almanacks, &c., which they have sent us. We hope to refer to them shortly.

175 24. Josephine.—There is no book that we know of published on Wood-stains, but there should be no difficulty in making similar preparations to those which you mention after a little experiment. Spirit-soluble aniline dyes of all shades are now obtainable, and they would go well with a cheap varnish.

176/15. Infusion.—For brief directions as to the preparation of concentrated infusions see C. & D., December 3, 1892, page 820.

184/46. Yon.—We do not know what signification the letters A.R.P.S. may have. If they are intended for "Associate of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society," they are used under a misapprehension.

174 32.	Xeno.	phon.—Tonie	Pills for	pigeons:-
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Ferri sulph. gran.	 	 	 5j.
Pulv. capsici	 	 	 Эj.
Ext. nucis vom.	 	 	 gr. vj.
Pulv. gentianæ	 	 	 588.
Glve, tragacanth.	 	 	 (),S.

Mix, and divide into sixty pills. Coat with sugar. Allow each pigeon six of these pills per day.

183 65. J. K.-Lupuline Compound for Hop Bitters:-

Hops		 	 	živ
Dandelion-re	oot	 	 	Zij.
Sassafras		 	 	311.
Liquorice -::	ot	 ••	 	žij
Gentian		 	 	311
Orange-peel		 	 	35 i.

All in coarse powder, and mix.

184 70. F. F.—In making Elixir Phosphori by Williams's process, the glycerine is heated and the phosphorus dissolved in it by shaking. To this solution the alcohol is added warm. If you try the process you will see how beautifully it works, provided the phosphorus is not in

157 23. H. (Calcutta). - Mercury is by far the most efficient drug for removing deep-seated deprsites, such as hydrocele. The most active and cleanly preparation is olcatum hydrargyri (5 or 10 per cent.) to which 10 per cent. of ether has been added. Of this 20 drops are to be gently rubbed in twice daily. It should be added that no external application can be expected to produce any effect upon a hydrocele unless it is used for a considerable time, and that even then a cure is very uncertain. Puncture of the sac, or a combination of that with injections of iodine, or carbolic-acid solution, are the only methods by which a speedy and certain result can be attained.

183/22. Patent Plate—You had better apply to dealers in earthenware. Our opinion on subjects quite outside this business cannot be of any special value.

178 1. II. O. D.-Mr. P. W. Squire pointed out in his lecture at Bloomsbury Square last winter that methylene-blue, like other aniline colours, is variable, and it offer happens that a portion of the colours is insoluble. See his "Methods and Formulæ" (Churchill).

179 24. M. H. S. (Bombay).—(1) Danish Butter-eolouring is a solution of oil-soluble aniline orange in any sweet oil, such as pure sesame. Two drachms of the colour to the pint of oil suffices. (2) Finger-nail Varnish.—After the nails have been polished with putty-powder, they may be nointed with the following provider. painted with the following varnish:-

> Hard paraffin .. miij. Otto of rose Chloroform ..

Finally polish with chamois. (3) Boroglyeeride.—This preparation is patented, but the new United States has a similar article, ealled "Glycerite of Boroglycerin," of which the formula is-

> Grammes Boric acid, in fine powder Glycerine, a sufficient quantity to make .. 1,000

Heat 460 grammes of glycerine in a tared porcelain capsule to 150° C (302° F.), and add the acid in portions, constantly stirring until dissolved and until the weight is reduced to 500 grammes. Then add 500 grammes. of glycerine, and mix.

(4) Liquid Annatto may be made from seeds or paste. The former is preferable. Take 1 lb. of the seeds, and, without bruising, macerate for a day in a pint of water containing 2 drachms of carbonate of potash. Repeat the maceration twice with as much water and a drachm of he

carbonate on each occasion. Boil the seeds in the last pint for an hour, mix all the liquors, evaporate to 10 oz., add 2 oz. of rectified spirit as a preservative, and filter.

174/45. W. M. — Essence of Smoke, or Cambrian Essence.—Spirit of tar is commonly used for this purpose. It is sometimes combined with pyroligneous spirit and acid, as in the following:—

181/36. J. D.—Kid-reviver.—See last volume, February 4, page 192, and May 13, page 667.

182/11. *Headache*.—See the article on Neuralgia in our issue of September 9, page 390. Phenacetin as there prescribed is invaluable.

182/677. Jaspers.—Cough-mixture for Children (non-poisonous):—

Ammon carb	• •	 	 5ss.
Vin. ipecacuanhæ		 	 383.
Aq. anisi		 	 žijus.
Liq cocci		 	 .5j.
Syr. tolutani ad		 	 ãvj.
X.			

Dose: For children between one and three, half a teaspoonful; for those above, a whole teaspoonful three or four times a day.

183/67. Bromide.—It is only prolonged use of cantharides in large doses that produces irritation of the neek of the bladder. Whenever signs of this appear the medicine should be dropped. The pill should be given along with the tonic medicine. Dr. Hargreaves gives the following prescription for Spermatorrhæa which you might try as an alterative. He says he "has found nothing to answer better":—

Potass. bromid.	 	 	 388.
Tr. gelsemii	 	 	 5ij.
Ext. ergotæ liq.	 	 	 5ij.
Tr. belladonnæ	 	 	 3iss.
Syr. zingiberis	 	 	 3ss.
Aq. ad	 	 	 Zviij.
X.			

3j. twice daily, and a dose on retiring.

183/62. II. T. W.—"Tooth Extraction," by John Gorham, published by H. K. Lewis, 1s. 6d.

50/10. Urinometer.—Siebold's Method of Using Fehling's Solution for testing the presence of sugar in urine, is to boil 2 drachms of the Fehling and while boiling add to it 5 to 10 drops of the urine. If there is much sugar present the reduction is immediate; but if, in the course of a few seconds there is no evidence of reduction, ½ drachm more of urine is added, and the mixture again brought to the boil. If that fails to give a precipitate of copper, which quickly turns red, it is safe to conclude that no sugar is present.

185/49. *H. Lane.*—There is a formula for non-excisable Ginger-wine Essence in the new DIARY, page 364.

167/40. J. II. D.—Chilblain-liniment.—The following is the approximate composition of the sample which you send us:—

Ol. cajuputi	 	 	5j.
Lin, camph, co.	 	 	5ij.
" saponis	 	 	Ziij.
Glycerini	 	 	3iss.
Aq. ad	 	 	3iv.

Mix the first three ingredients, and add to the glycerine and water.

169/1. Shah Heen.—As we informed your agent, we did not receive any instructions along with the samples, and the latter did not include Erasmus Wilson's lotion. The only improvement we can advise you to make on the vegetable lotion is to omit the lemongrass perfume, which spoils an otherwise good wash. Instead of it use a sufficiency of—

The carbolic tooth-wash does not foam, and requires the addition of much more quillaia. You, doubtless, have put some in, but these washes, unfortunately, lose their saponifying power. It would be better to decrease the carbolic acid by half, and add some oil of wintergreen to mask the taste of the acid, which is somewhat pronounced. The violet-powder requires no improvement.

181/9. As.—Sec the DIARY for glycerine-jelly formula.

172/55. Chloral sends us a few drachms of a Lotionused very successfully for wounds in the leg. It has been distributed by a philanthropic gentleman in London, but the supplies are now cut off." We make it out to be somewhat as follows:—

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        Chloride of zine
        gr. i

        Glycerine
        Sij.

        Lavender-water
        Sij.

        Rectified spirit
        Sij.

        Water to
        $iv.

        Dissolve and filter.
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176/5. Penang.—(1) We regret that we cannot assist your in arriving at the composition of the Indian Curry-powder. Only a prolonged chemical and microscopic analysis would enable us to say definitely what the eonstituents are. Perhaps you have not tried the following formula, which is as close to-your sample as we can judge:—

	Madras	turn	ierie			 	ξiν.
	Cumin-f	ruit				 	3ij.
	Cardam	0111-S	eed<			 	3158
	Fenugre	ek-s	eds			 	3vj.
	Cloves					 	3j.
	Mace					 	5ij.
	Cayenno					 	5iss
Mix	the whole	, and	l redue	e to po	owder.		

(2) For Unbroken Chilblains, a stimulant is more satisfactory than a saturated solution of ammonium ehloride. Tincture of iodine, or preferably a mixture of the liniment 1 part, and spirit of camphor 2 parts. Gentle friction is beneficial, and for that purpose the following liniment has given great satisfaction:—

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      Lin, aconiti
      3j.

      Lin, camph. co.
      3iss.

      Ol, cajeputi
      5j.

      Lin, saponis ad
      5viii
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To be rubbed into the parts affected at bedtime.

To allay the pain quiekly, cocaine cerate, 15 grains to the ounce, is effectual.

184/65. Ignorant.—You make more out of the Preventive Drink than we have been able to do. We find neither gentian nor nitre in it. The following makes a dose-for a cow:—

Epsom salts	 	 	Ziij.
Powdered liquori e	 	 	žss.
Powdered ginger	 	 	51.
Armenian bole	 	 	5ij.
Oatmeal	 	 	3iss.

184/68. J. L.—The sample of Boiler-incrustation Powder which you send is powdered soda ash, with some peculiar perfume—or, rather, it has the odour of soap or

washing-powder, but contains no soap. See also the note on the top of page 852, December 16.

- 180/45. J. W. sends a sample of Silver Paste used by policemen for polishing their buttons, &c. The articles to be silvered are first cleaned with spirit of salt, and the paste is then rubbed over them. It is an ingenious composition or amalgam, consisting of tin and mercury, and may be made by rubbing together 1 part of tin-dust and 4 parts of mercury, or sufficient mercury to make a soft mass.
- 180/73. C. W. D.—The Gesso Powder which you send is common whiting. See notes on this subject in the DIARY. A white earth is imported from Spain as "Gesso" for clarifying liquids, but it contains barium carbonate or sulphate, which your sample does not.

179 66. Saluctol.—(1) The sample of Parisian Ointment for the Skin of hands and face appears to us to be like amandine, which may be made as follows:—

When the mixture is uniform, add gradually and with undiminished Beating-

Keep the mortar warm meanwhile. Thin, if necessary, with proof spirit.

(2) The Dry-shampooing Liquid may be made according to the following recipe:—

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Lavender-water .			 		388.
Bay rum			 		58s.
Conc. infusion of	senc	ega	 		5ss.
Proof spirit .			 		živ.
Water to			 		Zviij.
ix.					

Perhaps you may be able to imitate the perfume more closely than the above, which, however, is nice.

183/23. Hair-tonic.—(1) The sample of Hair-lotion which you send, and which you say your mother has found to make her hair grow 4 inches longer, and prevent it coming out, appears to have the following composition:—

As the hair is always growing, we fail to see why the 4-inch growth should be specially attributed to this. (2) Do not use the formula at all. (3) Tincture of Burdock:—

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      Burdock (root)
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      3j.

      Rectified spirit
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      5iss.

      Water
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Maccrate the ground drug in the spirituous menstruum for a week, and

The dose of this for an adult is a teaspoonful. It is, or was, used for coughs, colds, &c., but is not a powerful remedy. You may give it to children, but vin. ipecac. is much better. You seem to be educating yourself by believing everything that people tell you. You will have a lot to unlearn at that rate. (4) Liq. Pruni Virg. (1–7), by the boiling-process, means that you digest 1 lb. of the drug three or four times in 2 pints of water each time. Collect the decoctions, evaporate to 12 oz., add 4 oz. of rectified spirit, and filter. One ounce of this to 7 oz. of simple syrup makes syr. pruni virg. The liquor made by percolation is much better. (5 and 6) We cannot give you precise information on these points.

186/40. Research.—The only sure way of preventing the decomposition of the iodoform (which is inevitable) is to omit

it. You can surely find an equally active antiseptic (iodoform is but poor at the best, being chiefly a destroyer of germproducts) which would suit the purpose—resorcin, for example. Even the essential oils are better, antiseptically, than the iodoform.

185/59. Policeman.—Colza Oil is rather a poor burningoil, because it is readily oxidised, thus becoming thick, so that capillarity is interfered with. Mix the oil with 10 per cent. of crystal paraffin oil.

186/28. Nemo.—Use green ginger instead of dried in the same way as directed in the DIARY, page 364.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED.

For this section we are always glad to receive from subscribers brief notes on practical subjects, recipes which have been found good in practice or which have required modification, and hints or fresh ideas on any pharmaceutical or trade matter.

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Aloes Bod.		 			gr. j.
Myrrh		 			gr.j.
Ol. pulegii		 			q.s.
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LIBRA. (174/43.)

Limes and Glycerine. -

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Aquæ calcis		 			Oj.	
Ol. limonis		 			q.s.	
			1	IBR	Α.	(174/43.)

188/48. "Blocker's Powder" is powdered resin and albumen. Proportions vary. For coarser work some use the resin alone. In any case, the resin must be exceedingly fine powder. For high-class work, such as illuminating on leather, fresh egg-albumen whipped and filtered.

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D. D. FERGUSON.

Leytonstone, December 15.

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Drink "Covering,"—It is very desirable in the interests of science that there should be placed on record the various materials used for disguising the odour of alcoholic drinks in the breath of a person who has recently partaken of them. I have known tea-leaves to be used, and when chewed they are fairly successful. I have seen in my juvenile days pills and a root used, the nature of both being unknown to me. The question has become of importance in connection with a case of a person who was suspected to be shamming drunkenness. No odour of alcohol was detected in the breath by a medical man. Being himself a medical man, he may have known suitable drugs to use. The experience of your readers would be a valuable contribution to knowledge.

INQUIRER. (187/73).

187/41. Is there a machine for filling collapsible tubes? If so, who sells?

187/57. What is Cherbert's Oil (used by veterinary surgeons)?

189/11. Formula for Dr. James's tic and head-the powders.

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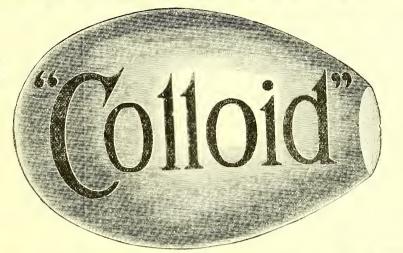
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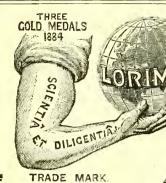
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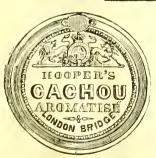
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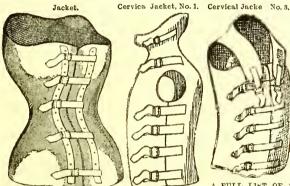
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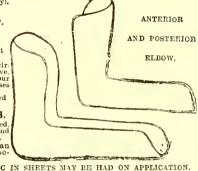
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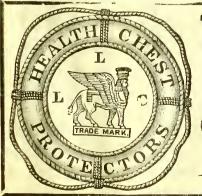
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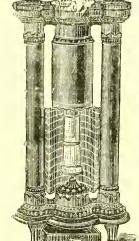
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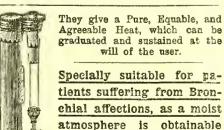
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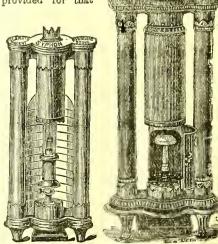
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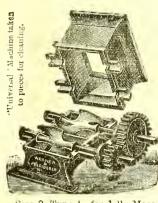


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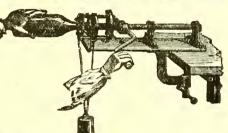
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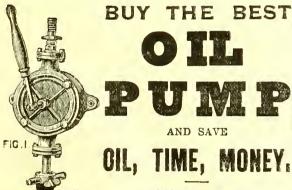
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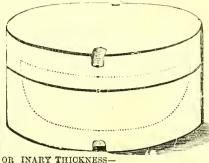
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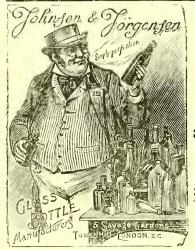
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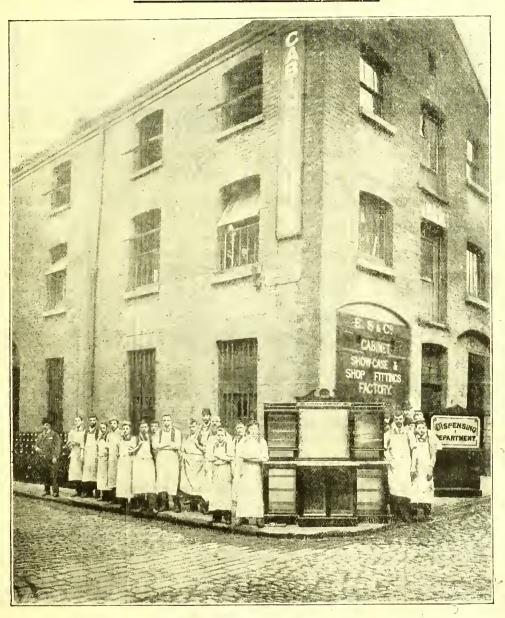
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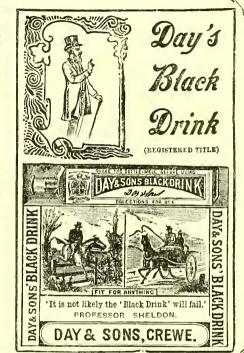
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